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Dear Steve:

Enclosed is a brief concurring statement which  
Jim and I would like added to the report of the Ad Hoc  
Committee. If you have any questions about this, please  
give me a call.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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Enclosure

CONCURRING STATEMENT BY MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVES:

The Marianas representatives on the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee generally endorse the conclusions and recommendations set forth in the Committee's report. We regret that the Committee did not explore in greater detail some of the significant planning efforts required during the transitional period, since we believe that such further investigation would have demonstrated that some of the cost estimates in the report are understated. In particular, we believe that government organization and physical planning efforts of the kind required in the Marianas will be more costly than contemplated by the Ad Hoc Committee. We are reassured, however, by the statements contained in the report to the effect that additional monies will be requested by the United States if the Transition Secretariat and the Joint Commission agree that such funds are necessary. In light of these reassurances and the evident spirit of cooperativeness reflected in this report, we have signed the report and recommend that it be accepted by the members of the Marianas Political Status Commission.

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James R. Leonard

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