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The Honorable Edward DLG. Pangelinan Senate, Congress of Micronesia P. O. Box 825 Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Senator Pangelinan:

This is in response to your letter of April 16, 1974, inquiring about administrative let the government employees who are on the Marianas Political Status Commission.

I have informed each Department Head and the District Administrator that they are authorized to give those employees listed administrative leave under the Trust Territory Personnel Regulations, Part 19, 19.3, h. "Excused Absence (Administrative Leave)."

"An absence from duty administratively authorized, without loss of pay and without charge to leave, is an excused absence. Such absences are authorized under emergency conditions beyond the control of management (e.g., typhoons), <u>for participation in</u> <u>civic activities in the interest of the government</u>, or employment-connected examinations. The District Administrator or Headquarters Department Director is responsible for approving excused absence requests."

ncerely yours, Edward E. Johnston High Commissioner

cc: District Administrator, Marianas Director of Education Director of Health Services