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Dear Mike:

Thanks for your call today. Enclosed are copies of the joint communique dated May 31, 1974 and a copy of the report of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee on Transition. This last report was basically accepted by the principals as written, although my client suggested a few non-substantive changes in the text of the report.

As I mentioned, the principal remaining question is one of timing. I don't expect the United States to seek Congressional funding for this planning effort until a Status Agreement is signed, which will probably not be until near the end of this year at best. In terms of organizing and supervising the government planning side of the program, my client has basically determined that it will seek authority from the Marianas District Legislature to remain in existence after the Status Agreement is signed so that it can supervise and participate in those activities and planning efforts which remain the exclusive responsibility of the Marianas.

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After you have reviewed these materials, let us try to get together before your trip to West Africa. On an unrelated matter - do you know anyone who has special expertise in the evaluation of real estate values who might be available to undertake an assignment to assist us in placing a monetary value on the 18,000 acres which the Marianas is planning to make available to the United States for military purposes.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

Enclosures

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