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June 6, 1974

~~Mr. Richard Dudman~~
St. Louis Post Dispatch
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Dick:

Enclosed are the following materials relating to the Marianas status negotiations:

1. Joint Communique dated May 31, 1974, reflecting the tentative agreements reached at the last session;
2. Summary report dated March, 1974, reflecting the agreements reached during the first three sessions of the negotiations; and
3. Statement of Marianas representatives before the United Nations Trusteeship Council today, June 6.

Let me assure you that I am not interested in stimulating controversy. Rather, I am looking for a way to begin the process of public education and enlightenment which will be necessary in order to enable any formal status agreement to be approved by Congress. Unless the agreement which we are so laboriously negotiating is endorsed by Congress, much of our work will have been wasted.

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Thanks for your hospitality the other night.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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