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Mr. Howard P. Willens
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Dear Mr. Willens:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the status of negotiations aimed at bringing the Marianas under United States sovereignty. I appreciated the information.

In recent months I have taken an interest in these negotiations and hope to give the report and other data careful study and consideration. I have some serious reservations on the necessity and advisability of this action and intend to speak to a number of experts on this issue before resolving this question in my own mind. Your report, therefore, will be a most useful contribution in this regard.

Again, thanks for your thoughtful letter. I hope you will continue to keep me informed as to the progress of the negotiations.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,



James Abourezk
United States Senator

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