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Dear Mr. Bohn:

I have and thank you for your letter of July 17, 1974.

The development of an initial legislative program for the Commonwealth of the Marianas is one activity anticipated during the transition period from the present status to a new political status. Whether this includes the preparation of "comprehensive tentative codes" will be determined by those responsible for administering the government organization aspects of transition. We are hopeful that the amounts allocated for this work will be sufficient. If they are not, the approved report of the Ad Hoc Committee provides that the United States will "meet the costs of additional research or studies judged necessary to complete the agreed planning tasks. . . ." (at p. 10).

Your continued interest in this project is appreciated. We will continue to keep you informed of the progress of the negotiations.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Edward DLG. Pangelinan  
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