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Senator Edward DLG Pangelinan  
Marianas Political Status Commission  
P.O. Box 977  
Mariana Islands, Saipan 96950

Dear Ed:

As you know, we are trying our best to keep informed regarding discussions here in Washington relating to status problems in Guam and Puerto Rico. Enclosed for your information is a memorandum prepared by Mr. Helfer regarding a recent discussion with the Executive Director for the United States of the Ad Hoc Committee on Puerto Rico.

I also have just learned that the Guam Status Commission has employed, or is on the verge of employing, a Washington lawyer named Arnold Leibowitz. Mr. Leibowitz was the former Staff Director of the Commission on Puerto Rico's Status, whose report was submitted in 1966 and has been referred to in several of the memoranda prepared in this office and submitted to the Commission. Arnold happens to be an old acquaintance of my Yale Law School days and is someone with whom we have maintained occasional contact during the past several months. I will be meeting with him later this week to review our situation with him and try to ensure that the Guam effort will not unduly complicate our lives.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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