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Dear Howard:

I want to acknowledge your September 27, 1974 letter, although it will be a day or two before I can get a detailed answer to you.

Since writing it, you must have heard that the High Commissioner vetoed the Congress of Micronesia Lands Transfer Bill, S. B. 296. From the enclosed clippings, you can get some idea of the basis for it.

We have recently been engaged by the Tinian Municipal Council. Two of our attorneys, Bill Mann and Jesse Borja, have been doing that work. (Since Bill will be transferring to Palau this week, Jesse will be the principal attorney on that matter, in conjunction with David Allen, the new directing attorney at the Marianas Office). I know that Bill was asked by the Tinian Municipal Council to advise on the land corporation proposal and Jesse appeared before the District Legislature on behalf of the Council.

Jesse has seen your letter and tells me that he shares the same concerns you expressed. I will get a more full response to you shortly.

Sincerely,


Theodore R. Mitchell

Enclosures

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