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The Honorable Antonin Scalia
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Scalia:

It is now reasonably certain that the next session of talks with the Marianas Political Status Commission will open on December 2 in Saipan.

During the past four sessions of the Marianas status negotiations, Mr. Marcuse was my principal legal adviser, and his counsel has contributed to a substantial measure to the progress of the negotiations. Moreover, during the past five months, Mr. Marcuse has been largely instrumental in preparing the draft status agreement with the Northern Mariana Islands which will be the subject matter of the December meeting in Saipan.

I am grateful that the Department of Justice was able to make Mr. Marcuse's services available to us in the past. By the same token, his services will be crucial at the next session which will involve a host of extremely complex legal issues, and during which we will have to rely heavily on his familiarity with the draft agreement and its evolution.

I therefore would appreciate it if you could make Mr. Marcuse available to me, as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the fifth session of the Marianas Political Status Negotiations, and also, at least on a part-time basis, for the work preparatory to it during the two weeks preceding our departure to Saipan. I expect that this workload will be heavy at times.

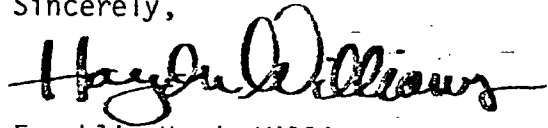
The U.S. Delegation plans to depart Washington for Saipan on November 29 and return on or about December 20, 1974. The Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations will bear the travel and per diem expenses for Mr. Marcuse and make necessary travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

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I understand that the grant of this request would require the cancellation of Mr. Marcuse's annual leave which had been approved for the period from November 18 to December 20, 1974.

Once again I wish to express my appreciation for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Franklin Haydn Williams
U.S. Ambassador
Micronesia Status Negotiations