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Dear David:

I found when I geturned to Washington that I had accidentally taken with mo the materials concerning military retention land which you were kind enough to let me review. I am returning those materials with this letter.

As you have no doubt found out by now the fifth session of negotiations turned out, from the point of view of the Commission, to be very successful. I left Saipan on Wednesday night, the 18th, but I undorstand that the draft Covenant was made public on Thursday, the 19th. If you have not seen a copy, I am sure you can get one from Jim White. I would be very happy to have your comments on the Covenant.

Thank you for inviting me to dinner in Saipan. I am sorry that I was not able to join you or to spend more time with you and Ann. My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Helfer

Enclosures