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Congressman Jonathan B. Bingham
Room #133
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

This firm represents the Marianas Political Status Commission in the current negotiations with the United States aimed at achieving political union between the Marianas and the United States after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. The most recent session of negotiations concluded on December 19, 1973, and it is anticipated that another session will be scheduled within the next few months. Enclosed for your information is a report summarizing the present status of these negotiations and highlighting the more significant questions which remain to be resolved.

I have had the opportunity recently to meet with Congressman Burton and two other members of the Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs to discuss the Marianas negotiations. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience, so that I might explain informally what the Marianas hope to achieve in the negotiations and to answer any questions you may have regarding the tentative agreements which have been reached up to this

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point. Adrian Winkel, consultant to the Subcommittee, has generously volunteered to assist in the scheduling of such a meeting.

I look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

Enclosure

PS: In conversations with Lloyd about the Marianas, he has suggested that you would be interested in discussing this matter with me if your schedule permits. I am particularly interested in exploring with you some aspects of our negotiations which relate to the obligations of the United States under the Trusteeship Agreement.

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