

point to be very precise about the kind or extent of research required, although we already have spent time in interviewing knowledgeable people who have participated in constitutional conventions and reviewed some of the pertinent legal materials relating to the drafting of legislative codes. In total, I estimate that we will be spending approximately five weeks of lawyers' time, including one or two weeks of my time and one or two weeks of paralegal time on the Ad Hoc Committee.

I suggest including a travel item in the proposed budget which might be used to support one trip by Jim Leonard and myself to Saipan and one trip by you or another representative of the Commission to Washington. I do not know that any of this travel will prove necessary for the limited purposes of the Ad Hoc Committee, but it might be useful to include it in the budget since we know that the Commission will need some money for travel expenses during the next few months.

Based on these figures, the proposed budget for the Ad Hoc Committee would consist of approximately \$25,000 - less than the \$45,000 that the United States indicated that it would provide for this purpose. To the extent that this disparity comes up in discussions with the Ambassador, I believe that you should not be reluctant to tell the Ambassador that the Commission's real financial needs pertain not just to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee but to the overall effort by the Commission in the negotiations.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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