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Senator Edward DLG Pangelinan
Chairman
Marianas Political Status Commission
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Dear Ed:

I have discussed the matter of financing the Ad Hoc Committee with Jim Leonard. I understand that he has sent you a proposed budget for his overall efforts on behalf of the Commission which includes a sum of approximately \$12,000 for work in connection with the Ad Hoc Committee. I believe that to this amount should be added approximately \$7,000 for legal services in connection with the committee and approximately \$5,000 for possible travel expenses. It is very difficult to justify these figures, as you know, but let me explain how I arrived at them.

In calculating the amount of time that this office would spend in connection with the Ad Hoc Committee, I have assumed that the committee will meet about six times and that each meeting will take several hours of preparation. In addition, I have assumed that some of my time and that of an associate and a paralegal assistant in my office will be required to conduct the necessary research to justify our request for funds to support a government planning effort of the dimensions which we have previously outlined to the United States. It is difficult at this