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Senator James L. Buckley
Room #5323
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

By letter dated November 6, 1973, I sent you on behalf of the Marianas Political Status Commission a report regarding the negotiations between the Marianas and the United States aimed at achieving political union between the Marianas and the United States after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. The third session of the negotiations concluded on December 19, 1973. Enclosed is an updated report regarding the current status of these negotiations and identifying some of the more important questions remaining to be resolved.

I recently had the opportunity to review this matter in person with some members of the Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives. I believe that everyone who participated found the meeting helpful in understanding the underlying issues in the negotiations. Needless to say, I would be very interested in reviewing this matter with you or a member of your staff and in trying my best to answer any questions which you may have regarding the negotiations.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure