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Congressman Phillip Burton
Room #2454
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

Thank you for the opportunity yesterday to meet with you and discuss the current status of the Marianas negotiations. I appreciate both the substance and the frankness of your comments, as well as your general expression of support for the Marianas.

I am enclosing for your file a report which I have just completed summarizing the present status of the negotiations. It basically synthesizes the Joint Communiqués of June 4 and December 19, 1973, and identifies some of the major issues remaining to be resolved.

I look forward to meeting with you again.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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