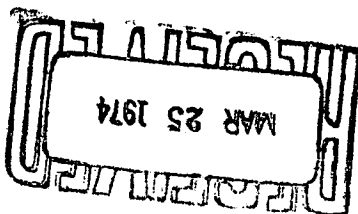


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Dear Mr. Helfer:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1974,
regarding plans for the future Marianas Commonwealth.

I was somewhat surprised to find that the pro-
posed Commonwealth is limited to the Marianas group. It
will, of course, simplify the job at hand, but will leave
a great many questions unanswered with regard to the rela-
tionships between this proposed Commonwealth and the entire
series of islands comprising the "Trust Territory of the
Pacific Islands".

In any event, I will forward a preliminary memor-
andum to you shortly.

Yours very truly,

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