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Dear Jim:

During the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee last Friday, I asked Captain Scott what progress, if any, was being made in scheduling discussions in Washington on various technical matters associated with military land requirements in the Marianas. I am writing this letter to bring this question to your personal attention.

As you know, the Joint Communique of December 19, 1973, indicated that unspecified "technical questions would be discussed at a technical level" before the next session of formal negotiations. The technical questions referred to, as I recall, relate to such matters as the appropriate terms of any lease and/or restrictive covenants that might be considered by the parties during a later stage of the negotiations. At our meeting of January 18, 1974, we were informed that the Department of Defense was currently preparing "terms of reference" in preparation for such technical discussions as seemed appropriate in the area of military requirements and that your office would be in touch with us as soon as the project was completed.

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I would like to be informed whether such technical discussions can be scheduled during this recess period. The Marianas Political Status Commission believes that such discussions can serve a very useful purpose and will help expedite resolution of the differences in this area which still remain.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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