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April 3, 1974

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Dear Mr. Willens:

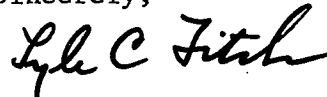
In accordance with your letter to us of 28th February 1974 and subsequent exchanges, it is a pleasure to transmit to you herewith our preliminary report on planning for self-government for the Marianas District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

We believe the report makes clear the tentative nature of our recommendations and estimates, in view of limitations on time and information available to us. These reservations affect primarily the estimated time required to perform the planning and preparatory tasks outlined in the paper, and the professional resources already available to the Marianians to support the effort. It is our view that the tasks described are essential to orderly and effectively start-up of self-government; that the specialist inputs outlined are necessary; and that the cost of those inputs recruited in the mainland U.S.A. and transported to and supported in the Mariana Islands is as stated in the attached report.

We hope this report will prove helpful to you and your clients. We shall be interested to follow the negotiations in which you are engaged, and to provide such additional assistance in revising or defending this report as you may require. We would particularly appreciate having your comments on the attachment, at your convenience.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this most interesting and challenging activity.

Sincerely,



Lyle C. Fitch

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