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30 September 1974

Senator Edward DLG Pangelinan
Chairman
Marianas Political Status Commission
P. O. Box 826
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is our statement for legal services rendered to the Commission during the months of June, July and August. Pursuant to our previous understanding, the statement is based upon a standard fee of \$5,000 per month and an additional \$5,000 for those months in which a substantial amount of time was spent by one or more lawyers from the firm in Saipan. In light of my trip to Saipan in August, the enclosed statement for the three months of June, July and August is accordingly for the amount of \$20,000.

I thought it would be helpful for you to know approximately how much time is being spent by lawyers in this office on representation of the Commission. I have included in our statement a list of the lawyers who have worked on Commission matters and their hours during the months of June, July and August. We have not included hours spent on the proposed public land corporation, which we have been keeping separate from other Commission matters. I would estimate that at least 100 hours were expended on the proposed corporation during this same three month period.

As you indicated in your letter of September 12, 1974, there is still a balance remaining on statements previously submitted by us for legal services rendered to the Commission during the first five months of 1974. The amount remaining unpaid for those months is \$10,000 -- making a total of \$30,000 due for legal services rendered through August, 1974.

I appreciate the difficulties which the Commission has encountered during the last several months in obtaining funds to support its activities. I hope that it will be possible for the Commission to satisfy the enclosed statement out of the \$85,000 recently made available by the District Legislature.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

Enclosure