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Dear Howard:

According to a bundle of documents sent me by Washington - the recent Joint Communiqué and text of proposed agreement - the final (?) session of the Marianas negotiations is scheduled to begin Feb. 3 in Saipan. If it looks like the final, I'll probably be on hand.

Could you let me know, as soon as possible, how firm this date seems to be, how ~~long~~ long the wrapup session is expected to take, and what the outlook is for final agreement. There's probably time to drop me a note about it, but you can always telephone Peter Harris at the Foreign News Desk and he can let me know by cable.

Hope to see you next month.

Best,



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