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Mr. Aprel-Yal (F.T. Palacios)
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Dear Frank:

This gratefully acknowledges receipt of a copy of your letter of December 2 to Judge Ignacio Benavente, setting forth your views regarding the role of the traditional Carolinian leaders of Saipan in maintaining an amicable relationship with the rest of Micronesia.

If you will permit me to offer a personal opinion here, I am in complete agreement that such relationship need not be severed simply because of the change in political status. As a matter of fact, it will be too bad if the change in status will deny, which I don't believe it will, the people of the Marianas the opportunity to continue to interact meaningfully with the rest of the people of Micronesia. Take yourself, for instance. I find that carrying on a dialogue with you has always been an intellectually stimulating exercise. Your views are often thought-provoking and profound.

I thank you for providing us with a copy of your letter to Judge Benavente.

Sincerely,

Strik Yoma
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Director of Public Affairs

cc: High Commissioner
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