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Dear Jim:

Thank you for sending us the various materials relating to the last session and, hopefully, the final session beginning on February 3. Mike has been in touch with the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations regarding the technical agreement and other outstanding issues, and we are reasonably confident that no new problems will emerge at this end before the next session.

Although our travel plans may differ somewhat, I expect that both Jim Leonard and I will arrive on Sunday, February 2, on the first plane from Guam. We would very much appreciate your getting us reservations at the Continental, and we recognize the fact that you would be hard pressed to match your negotiating success last time around. I will be able to stay only until February 13. It is my hope that we can complete the negotiations and sign the covenant by Saturday, February 8, and that arrangements can be made for a hearing before the District Legislature to begin on Monday, February 10. I will be prepared, I hope, along with Jim Leonard, to appear with representatives of the Commission to explain and defend the covenant. Let me know if you think this schedule is attainable, in light of the current political situation and the competing demands upon the time of the District Legislature. The above schedule would permit the

legislature to deal with other matters, including perhaps the Public Land Corporation, during the week of February 3 and then turn full time to the proposed covenant on February 10.

Please tell your children that their gifts were very much appreciated by mine, and tell Joannie that I managed to travel 22,000 miles through half-a-dozen security points without being required to open the gift-wrapped packages. As a frequent traveller, I do not know whether to be pleased or dismayed by this experience.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens