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Dear Phil:

Englosed are a copy of the Joint Communique issued at the conclusion of the most recent session of negotiations between the Marianas Political Status Commission and the President's Personal Representative, and a copy of the draft Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America. You will probably be most interested in Sections 101, 105 and 904 of the Covenant.

Kindly excuse the typographical errors -- the draft Covenant was produced by the United States Government.

It was good talking to you, and I hope to see you somn.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Helfer

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