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Dear Gene:

Thank you for your report regarding Nacional de Servicios de Aeronautica Ltda. This gives us a very helpful start in connection with our current assignment for the Northrop Corporation. Enclosed is our check for your expenses.

With respect to the Marianas matter, we have concluded that no additional consultants can be retained to assist the Marianas Political Status Commission in connection with its political education program. Two basic problems have surfaced.

First, Ed Pangelinan more or less concluded during his last visit here that he and his colleagues must take the initiative in the political education program and, in this connection, Ed is very confident that he understands the basic concerns of the people of the Marianas and will be able to deal with those concerns as a political matter during the months ahead before the plebiscite. I do not know whether he is right or wrong on this score but you will understand, I am sure, that this is an area where I must defer to the client's perception of what is required or appropriate.

Second, the usual problem of money is with us. The Commission itself has very limited funds for the purpose of political education and the United States has been its usual reticent self with respect to making more funds available.

We are currently waiting for the Secretary of the Interior to issue an Executive Order setting a plebiscite date (probably June 17) and outlining the procedures to be followed in this connection. I will send you a copy when it becomes available.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,



Howard P. Willens

P.S. In response to your handwritten inquiry, this firm does represent both Ford and General Motors on a variety of matters.