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Dear Ed:

Enclosed are the comments which I submitted to Don McHenry regarding the current draft of the Carnegie Study on Micronesian Status. I attended a meeting with the Carnegie staff and members of the Advisory Panel last Friday. Although I was unable to stay for the entire meeting because of other crises, I did my best to communicate the major criticisms contained in the enclosed memoranda.

Needless to say, we are all very anxious and concerned here in Washington regarding the current state of the "debate" in the Marianas regarding the Covenant. What the conventional wisdom is from many people familiar with Micronesia is that the opponents of the Covenant are getting the better press and may carry the day. I certainly would like to see an advertisement in the Marianas Variety listing the 16 reasons why the Marianas people should support the Covenant, and we may try our hand here at such an advertisement, just to feel that we are doing something useful.

If anyone has a moment, we certainly would like your current assessment of what is going on and what the prospects are.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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