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Mr. Emmett Rice  
Acting Director  
Office of Territorial Affairs  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rice:

I very much appreciated talking with you the other day and I am deeply grateful for your concern and for the interest of Secretary Morton. It is most reassuring to receive such support.

We have once again examined the facilities at the Civic Center. Were we to occupy any space there, we would have to relocate considerable District staff personnel presently occupying such facilities. While this is not an impossible task, it is, in our opinion, unnecessary.

On Wednesday afternoon, after speaking with you, we held our first meeting in our new office (Hamilton's) and this facility proved to be quite adequate and totally acceptable. We met there for roughly two and one-half hours (from 1400 hours to 1630 hours) and there were no interruptions or outside disturbances of any sort. The Marianas conferees expressed full satisfaction with the site. It has the great advantage of being in a totally independent location.

I do appreciate the information regarding our budget and we will look forward to receiving some official communication from you regarding this matter in the very near future. This, we feel, is important as we must begin to make certain expenditures. June 17 gets closer every day!

We are most grateful for your offer to provide us with the services of Manuel Cruz. We feel confident that we will be able to acquire necessary personnel within the Mariana Islands District. If, however, this proves to be impossible, we will immediately contact you regarding Mr. Cruz' availability.

I would appreciate it if you would express to the Secretary my gratitude for his interest and inform him that we are now well under way.

Sincerely yours,

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