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Dear Howard:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 25, 1975 and feel that the developments at this end for political education are going very well. We agree with you that answers to the sixteen reasons to vote against the Covenant are appropriate and enclosed please find the latest political advertisement which will appear in this issue of the Marianas Variety.

Joe Cruz is starting his own newspaper again, and when it comes out we will send you a copy; however, you may not be able to read it as it will be completely in Chamorro. Also, there are a few additional items in our arsenal which we will display at a more appropriate time; i.e., the attempt of a certain member of the Congress of Micronesia to bribe the United States for a guaranteed wage for a signature on the Covenant. It is felt that timing is important here as we don't want to build up a head of steam too fast.

The political education by the membership of the Marianas Political Status Commission in the various villages in the district is ending this week. Starting Monday, May 5, 1975, they will be going to all the villages on more of a campaign basis with a much more affirmative approach to the Covenant. Most of the work at this point has been to meet the requirements of the United Nations, showing "political education". We are keeping copies of the Free Press and other adverse media to adequately show the United Nations and the United States that there

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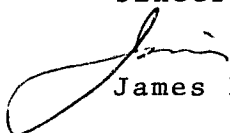
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has been full airing of both viewpoints. Latest estimates are that the vote will be affirmative with a seventy percent (70%) margin. If the Carolinian Community should swing in our direction, which we are working very hard on, this percentage could increase substantially.

Both Ed and I plan to be in Washington and ready for work on May 28, 1975. I will take an early flight out of Buffalo that morning and Ed will probably arrive on Tuesday. It is anticipated now that the members attending will be Ed, Pete, Dr. Palacios and myself. It would be much appreciated if you could make reservations at the Hilton on 16th and K Streets for May 26 - 28, 1975. Of course, our stay in Washington will depend upon when we are to testify in New York.

Just because we are enthusiastically showing you what is being done out here, don't let it hamper your writing arm for composing paid political advertisements and announcements that would be good for us to use. You know that our talent in this field is minimal at best, and we would appreciate anything that would help. We are sending letters from FRIENDS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS to various individuals asking for donations to assist in our campaign. Enclosed are several signed copies of the letter so that you can send them to individuals or organizations whom you know will be interested in our cause. The ball used for typing this letter is the "Prestige Elite 72 (12)" so you can have the names and addresses inserted with the same type. If you do not have access to this ball, enclosed also please find the mag card in reference to this letter. You have Dr. Palacios' permission to sign his name as the letters are all alike. With each letter we are enclosing a copy of the Covenant and a list of the people who are the FRIENDS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS. Mr. Fred Fox has expressed his interest to assist us in this endeavor, however, we do not have his address. Would you ask Jim Leonard for his address and also ask him if he has any friends who might be interested in our campaign and have him forward letters to them also. We look forward to seeing you May 28th.

Sincerely,



James E. White

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