

The Honorable F. Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
to Status Negotiations
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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Sir:

We appreciated very much the opportunity to meet with you yesterday to discuss our recent developments in reference to the expansion of the Marianas District Legislature and to express our further concern in reference to the Micronesian war claims. We were pleased that you were able to assure us that you would personally attempt to assist in developing the necessary amendments to the Micronesian War Claims Act so that we can hopefully achieve one hundred percent payment of all adjudicated claims.

As was also indicated, the Marianas Political Status Commission, on February 12, 1975 unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that the Marianas Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia, Senators Olympio T. Borja, Pedro A. Tenorio, and Congressmen Herman R. Guerrero, Jose Mafnas, and Oscar C. Rasa be seated as Delegates-at-Large in the Marianas District Legislature should the plebiscite be favorable towards adoption of the Covenant and should separate administration develop thereafter wherein the functions of the Congress of Micronesia would be transferred to the Marianas District Legislature. The Commission further recommended that these Delegates-at-Large serve under the same general terms and conditions as they had previously served in the Congress of Micronesia; i.e., that they would serve on a full time basis at their present level of compensation.

The Marianas Political Status Commission is aware that the appropriate procedure to follow is to amend the Mariana Islands District Code in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, of that Code. The Commission feels that if, for any reason, the Marianas District Legislature is unable to

act in establishing this increased membership in the Marianas District Legislature, then the Commission respectfully requests that the High Commissioner act on his own initiative. If these procedures are inappropriate, a Secretarial Order from the Secretary of the Interior establishing this development hopefully will be forthcoming.

The Marianas Political Status Commission would appreciate any assistance that can be developed regarding the above issues and would appreciate hearing any results that might be forthcoming at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Edward DLG. Pangelinan
Chairman, Marianas
Political Status Commission

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