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December 31, 1975

Mr. Peter Poole
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Dear Peter:

In accordance with our conversation today, I enclose a transcribed copy of a cable directed to Senator Percy by Edward DLG. Pangelinan, Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission, and by Senator Pedro A. Tenorio.

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Helfer

Enclosure

cc: Howard P. Willens

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December 31, 1975

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Dear Ed:

There is enclosed a copy of the revised cable, which I had hand delivered to Senator Percy's assistant today. The assistant, Peter Poole, told me on the phone that Senator Percy would be in Europe during most of the remainder of the Congressional recess, but that the Senator retained his interest in the Marianas and that Peter would see to it that your invitation is brought to the Senator's attention.

My best regards to you and the other members of the Commission, and my wishes for a happy and successful new year.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Helfer

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cc: Howard P. Willens

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TEXT OF CABLE DATED DECEMBER 26, 1975

"To the Honorable Charles H. Percy:

On behalf of the people of the Marianas we respectfully extend an invitation to you to visit the islands of the Marianas and to meet and talk to our people. We have been encouraged by your genuine interest in our people and our political future, and we hope that you will find it possible to encourage early action by the United States Senate to approve the Covenant for a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. We believe that a visit by you to the Marianas will assist you in your deliberations concerning the Covenant, and we urge you to come here if it is at all possible. We would be greatly honored to have you visit our islands. A letter signed by many of the leaders of the Marianas urging you to visit us has been sent and should be received by your office shortly. A visit before the U.S. Congress reconvenes would enable you to assess our hope for urgent consideration of the Covenant, and would be most welcome.

Senator Pedro A. Tenorio and Edward DLG. Pangelinan,
Chairman, Marianas Political Status Commission."

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