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Dear Chuck:

I tried to reach you by telephone before leaving town for a conference, and discovered that you are in London. So instead I am writing you this letter to say once again that we consider the Marianas resolution important and that we hope you will be able to vote for approval at the Foreign Relations Committee mark-up session scheduled for next Tuesday.

I can see why from your standpoint it may look attractive to delay Marianas consideration until concrete proposals are also before you with regard to the rest of Micronesia. In our view, however, that sort of long delay would create problems for us in the Trust Territory by raising fundamental doubts about American intentions in the Northern Marianas and would risk undermining the pro-American leadership of the islands. We are apprehensive that a potential source of instability might be created in an area so close to Guam.

The Honorable
Charles H. Percy,
United States Senate.

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I understand that your staff member Peter Poole has been out for a first-hand look at the Marianas these past few days. We hope his impressions will bring you to share our misgivings about any further delay in approval of the legislation.

I will appreciate whatever you can do.

Very best regards.

Sincerely,


Robert S. Ingersoll

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