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Dear Mr. Willens:

In accordance with earlier correspondence and conversations, I enclose my statement for consultant services in accordance with the meeting of May 4, 1976 in your office relating to preparations for a constitutional convention for the Northern Mariana Islands.

Let me take this opportunity to let you know that I expect to be in New York during most of the summer and shall be available for consultant services from time to time. I am presently completing a number of writing obligations and I expect to be free of those during the month of August so that I might then be available for more extended involvement. Let me add, also, that I shall be prepared, of course, to discuss an adjustment of my usual consulting fee if I am called upon to provide services on a recurring or extended basis.

In the course of our meeting you asked me to supply the names of persons who may be available to render drafting services to the Northern Mariana convention. Perhaps the most experienced constitutional draftsman, who has participated in a number of recent state constitutional conventions, is George Braden, Esq., 113 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12305. George Braden is a former law teacher with an enormous reputation in the field. Another first-rate draftsman who may be available is Howard Mantel, Esq., who can be reached at the Institute of Public Administration, 55 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036, telephone (212) 661-2540. Mantel has worked with me in the past and is a very experienced draftsman. Another possibility is Sidney Saperstein, Esq., 404 Hinsdale Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901, formerly in the Counsel's Office of HEW, now retired but actively engaged in consulting work. Saperstein is a most experienced draftsman, having drafted most of the recent social security legislation.

It occurs to me that it may be possible to utilize some of the very fine draftsmen in the House and Senate Legislative Counsels' Offices if the convention meets while Congress is in adjournment. I hope these suggestions will prove helpful.

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Let me add that I found the meeting at your office on May 4 most interesting. I came away with a sense that you are making excellent progress towards a successful convention for the Northern Marianas.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Frank P. Grad
Professor of Law

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P.S. I enclose my curriculum vitae for your files.