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Howard P. Willens, Esquire
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Dear Mr. Willens:

Thank you for your letter of July 8, 1976 responding to our recent letter of June 30 regarding the Constitutional Convention and the professional and legal services to be performed by your firm. I am glad to hear that despite the uncertainties relating to the beginning of the Marianas Constitutional Convention, your firm is still willing to undertake the terms of the contract which OTSP prepared and have discussed at length with you. Enclosed herewith is a signed copy of that contract agreement between OTSP and Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (WC&P).

At this point, we have no more recent information regarding the outcome of any Constitutional Convention bill to be enacted again. As we have informed you, the third bill which was passed by the Legislature was again vetoed and there has been no schedule for any immediate session following the veto of the Resident Commissioner of the bill. It is my understanding that sometime in early August, the Legislature will again meet to reconsider the vetoed legislation in a new bill. Any attempt to override will be futile as the bill contains provisions (dates) that will have to be changed and the strong possibility that DOTA will back up the ResCom. Hopefully, something will come up in terms of possible compromise between the Legislature and the Resident Commissioner. As more information on the ConCon becomes available, we will be sending you such information for your planning purposes.

On another matter, I have sent in a request for payment to your firm for the recent billing which you have sent us. This was done last week on about the 7th, so hopefully the Finance Office will be cutting a check for your remuneration of the services provided thus far. I have gone ahead and used the letter of intent for the purpose of payment for that particular monthly billing.

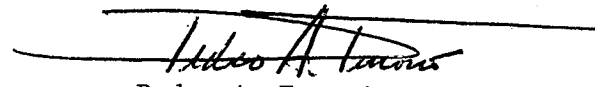
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If you happen to see Eddie, please remind him that he owes us a letter and that he should let us know what is happening over there in his new office and also on what we can do from this end to help out.

Thank you again for your letter and our best regards to you.

Sincerely,


Pedro A. Tenorio
Director

Enclosure

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