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Dear Mr. Lopez:

I apologize for the very lengthy delay in responding to your inquiry concerning legal memoranda on the future political status of the Marianas.

After reviewing our files, I concluded that all of the information we could make available to you can be found in the legislative history of the Covenant. You would probably be most interested in the following:

-- Mr. Pangelinan's statement found in Hearings on H.J. Res. 549 Before the Subcomm. on Territorial and Insular Affairs of the House Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs, 94th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial No. 94-28, at 623-66 (1975);

-- Mr. Tenorio's statement found in Hearing on H.J. Res. 549 Before the Senate Comm. on Foreign Relations, 94th Cong., 1st Sess., at 81-88 (1975);

-- Mr. Tenorio's statement found in Hearing on H.J. Res. 549 Before the Subcomm. on Gen. Legis. of the Senate Comm. on Armed Services, 94th Cong., 1st Sess., at 112-22; and

-- Certain legal memoranda prepared by the United States Government also found in the Armed Services Committee hearings, at pages 134-49.

If you would like to discuss the matter at any time, please give me a call, or, if you are in Washington, please stop by. I would be quite interested in reading the article that you are preparing.

Very truly yours,

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