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Dear Steve:

Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosed clippings. If my ego had not already been stretched beyond acceptable dimensions, these articles would certainly have been the final capstone. Thank you for your generous treatment of the Convention and of our work product.

Believe it or not, I was much relieved to return to Washington and the more traditional concerns of my law practice. My reentry was not too difficult, since my partners refrained from excessive ribbing regarding my suntan and my two-month boondoggle out in your part of the world.

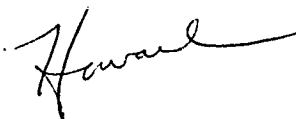
As you might have guessed, there has been absolutely no coverage whatsoever regarding the Northern Marianas Constitution in either the Washington Post or the New York Times. I am still considering trying my hand at an article on the subject, but I do not know if I have the discipline required for such an exercise. Besides, it really would be more appropriate if the article was written by someone like yourself who did not have any vested interest in the work of the Convention.

Mr. Stephen Kelly
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I hope your work in Guam continues to be enjoyable in the months ahead. Needless to say, I would be interested in an occasional report regarding the Guam Constitutional Convention, now that I fancy myself an expert on the subject. It was a pleasure dealing with you, both professionally and personally, and I hope you will be my guest at the San Souci when you next visit Washington.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard".

Howard P. Willens

12 December 1976

Mr. Howard Willens
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Dear Howard,

Well, by now your tan is fading, you're still being harassed by your partners for having blown \$80,000 in the middle of the Pacific somewhere, X your clients are pissed, and you've had to pay two months' worth of bills all at once. Plus, it's winter in Washington, and as I recall from one January I spent there looking for employment, it doesn't really get cold enough for a nice blanket of snow to form, ~~it~~ but it's still too cold to circulate without a coat. Rains too.

So I thought I'd send along a little souvenir of warmer days, to prove to your associates that you were really here. I have to apologize for the second article on why people should vote yes on the constitution. It was late Saturday, and they had a hole to fill, and they asked if I couldn't come up with one more Con-Con story, and that's what I came up with. What people really want to know is how much I charged you for that story.

By the way, Paul was really uncooperative with one of our reporters who hung around the airport until 11 p.m. last week to do a story about the concerns of the District Court and how the court in the Northern Marianas would affect it. Paul said he wasn't authorized to release that information. All I can say is that when the day comes that he really does have a secret worth keeping, he'll be well trained.

Thanks for your help, and when the Washington Post finally breaks down and hires me, I'll be by your dinner at Sans Souci. But don't hold your breath.

Sincerely,

Steve Kelly

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P.S. That Flying Tigers plane had 40 tons of M-16 ammo headed for Guatemala.