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The Honorable Richard H. Chambers
Chairman, Committee on Pacific Territories
Judicial Conference of the United States
United States Court of Appeals and
Post Office Building
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San Francisco, California 94101

Dear Judge Chambers:

The Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention has now completed its work. I understand that Howard Willens, the chief legal consultant to the Convention and a partner in this firm, has written you regarding the judicial system established by the Constitution and requesting the support of your Committee for the prompt funding of the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

I regret that I did not have the opportunity to meet with your Committee during my return trip from Saipan. The uncertainty of my departure date precluded making definite arrangements to appear before your Committee in San Francisco. Indeed, as it turned out I did not even pass through the city on my way to Washington.

I would, however, welcome the chance to be of any assistance possible as your Committee conducts its work. In particular, I would be pleased to respond to written questions or to schedule a time at which to meet with you or the Committee.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

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