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Mr. Adrian P. Winkel  
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Dear Adrian:

I understand from Ed Pangelinan that you have now received an official signed copy of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. I understand, however, that you did not also receive the accompanying Analysis that was approved by the Constitutional Convention as an authoritative explanation of its intentions in formulating the specific provisions of the Constitution. I am enclosing a copy of the Analysis for your use.

After you have had an opportunity to review the Analysis, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the general situation with you regarding the approval process to be used in connection with the Constitution. As you might have anticipated, we continue to have an active interest in the matter and are firmly persuaded that the Constitution is a superb and sensitive document which should be promptly approved by the United States once it is ratified by the people. Would you have expected me to assert any less?

I hope that you continue to remain active and interested in the affairs of the Northern Mariana Islands. Although we may have disagreed on minor points in the past, your availability and good counsel has always been very

much valued by those of us here active in representing  
the Northern Marianas.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Willens

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