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Attention: Howard P. Willens, Esquire

Dear Mr. Willens:

This letter is by way of a belated reply to yours of January 7. I take this opportunity to thank you for the copies of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and the two-volume analysis of the document which you enclosed with your letter. These items will naturally be of considerable use to us in our research.

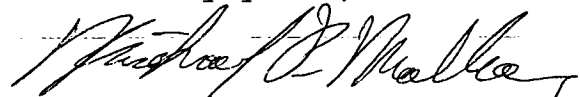
Recent short-term commitments at the Institute have until now prevented me from addressing the major question raised by your letter. I refer of course to the availability of the Marianas Political Status Commission position papers.

You indicated in the letter that no public use of these papers could be authorized without the approval of representatives of the Northern Mariana Islands. In that regard, I enclose herein copies of letters which I received from Mr. Pedro Tenorio, Director of the Office of Transition Studies and Planning, and Senator Herman Guerrero, member of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature and former member of the Mariana's political Status Commission.

If these letters appear to be an appropriate expression of approval on the part of representatives of the Northern Mariana Islands, please advise.

I can quite appreciate your reserve in this matter, which I consider entirely appropriate, and I hope that we shall be able to proceed on the basis of these enclosures.

Sincerely yours,



Michael P. Malloy  
Research Associate

Enclosures

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Dear Mr. Malloy:

This acknowledges receipt of your letters of January 4 and 12, requesting for documentary materials relating to the political status negotiations of the Northern Mariana Islands.

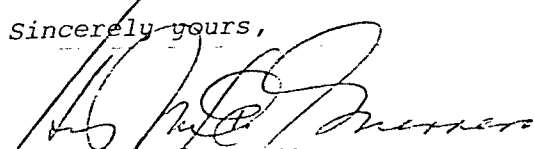
Enclosed are the reports of the Marianas Political Status Commission to the Mariana Islands District Legislature. With regards to your request for the position papers, I regret that the Legislature has only a set on files and duplication of the voluminous volumes would take sometime. May I request, however, that you write to the former MPSC's consultants for the appropriate reports, as follows:

For Legal Documents: Mr. Howard P. Willens, Esq.  
Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering  
1666 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

For Economic & Fiscal Documents: Mr. James R. Leonard  
James R. Leonard Associates, Inc.  
1601 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20009

I hope the enclosed materials will be useful in your studies.

Sincerely yours,



Herman O. Guerrero  
Senator

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January 20, 1977



Northern Mariana Islands

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Dear Mr. Malloy:

Our office has located some of the position papers on the Marianas Political Status Commission's negotiation with the United States. It will take us some time to inquire as to the whereabouts of the other papers. We will be happy to duplicate these papers for your research use, however, it will take some time because they are rather lengthy. Before we start duplicating these papers, I would like to know whether you are interested in all papers including drafts, because there are all sorts of drafts prepared before the final positions were arrived at.

I also wish to refer you to the attorneys for MPSC during the negotiations, who I am sure, would be happy to provide you with more information for your particular research. The firm's address is:

c/o Howard Willens or Mike Helfer  
Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering  
1666 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

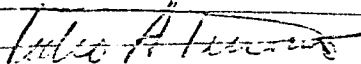
Mr. James R. Leonard of Robert R. Nathan Associates, also of Washington, D.C., assisted MPSC and might have information.

Mr. Ed Pangelinan of our D.C. office will be able to provide you with local agencies who might have the information you required. Mr. Pangelinan's address is:

Marianas/Washington Liaison Officer  
1300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 307  
Washington, D. C. 20036

If you need any further assistance and information, please do not hesitate to write us. I look forward to your reply to my query above.

Sincerely yours,

  
Pedro A. Tenorio  
Director

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