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MEMORANDUM TO MR. WILLENS

I spoke with Mr. Mark Whitten at Representative Won Pat's Office who told me some of the details of the upcoming constitutional convention on Guam. Mr. Whitten said that the delegates to the Convention were elected on April 16, 1977, and that they will hold their first organizational meeting on May 4th. The organizational meeting is set to last not more than five days, after which they will recess until the convention on July 1st. The convention itself is scheduled to last from July 1st to October 1st, but Whitten said parenthetically that it may be extended if necessary.

He also said that a Guam law was passed that sets the date of the convention, election of officers, and similar details. This bill, which he said was Number 978, was passed on November 24, 1976. The Federal legislation, Public Law 94-584, is the enabling legislation.

Whitten also said that at the organizational meeting, the speaker of the legislature will be presiding officer

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until election of the convention officers. The delegates will also consider the convention rules at this meeting.

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