

*N. Manning*

July 14, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO HOWARD P. WILLENS

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Howard Mantel

Howard Mantel telephoned you last week to discuss the "Proposal for Transition II" that he has submitted to OTSP. In your absence, I spoke with him. Howard wanted to bring to your attention three points that he raises in the Proposal. First, he regards a pre-legislative conference in November or December as "absolutely essential." Second, he is recommending that the Governor-elect be provided with a transition team. This idea derives largely from Jim Leonard. Third, he is also proposing the provision of a transition team to the members-elect of the legislature. IPA is offering to provide services with respect to these activities for a fee of \$200,000.

The Proposal urges the "involvement" of prior consultants to the Northern Marianas in these transition efforts. Howard had wanted to identify you specifically as one of these consultants, but decided to omit your name when he was unable to reach you to secure your permission.

Howard renewed his strong recommendation that you participate in the transition to Commonwealth government. He said that your presence on Saipan, although highly desirable, would not be "necessary."

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During his present stay on Saipan, Howard will try to obtain a legislative appropriation for the \$200,000. If this effort is unsuccessful, he said that he will approach the Joint Commission for funding.

A copy of the IPA Proposal is attached.

Paul S. Koffsky

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