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The Honorable Richard H. Chambers  
Chairman, Committee on Pacific Territories  
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Dear Judge Chambers:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Foley of the Administrative Office regarding the proposed legislation considered necessary to establish a district court for the Northern Mariana Islands. I urge you and your Committee to consider the serious consequences in the Northern Marianas if a district court in some shape or form is not functioning on or about January 9, 1978, the proposed effective date for constitutional government. If I or my associates can be of any assistance in supporting the proposed legislation or developing contingency plans for the Northern Marianas, I hope that you will feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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