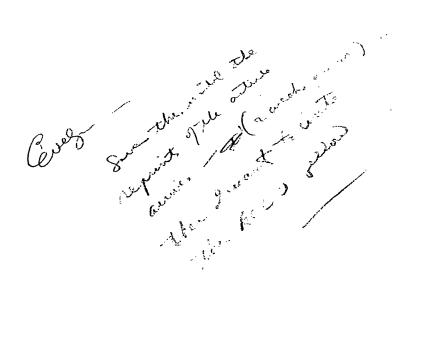
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Hon. Philip Burton United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Burton:

I enjoyed our talk about the constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands this morning, and want to thank you for taking the time to call. As I explained, our Hawaii affiliate has raised some questions, and asked the national office of the ACLU for our views. We can be most helpful in responding to such requests when we are most informed. Your views on the distinctiveness of the island culture and on the careful process by which political arrangements for the Northern Marianas were worked out are gratefully received.

Thank you again for your concern.

Kindest regards,

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