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Bi-Weekly Report - Territories

I. Significant Matters

a. Advised the Chief Justice of the High Court of American Samoa that that Court lacks jurisdiction to naturalize citizens notwithstanding the language of 8 USC 1421(a).

b. Worked with the Social Security Administration to secure coverage for U.S. citizen, contract employees of the Trust Territory government who pay Federal income taxes.

c. Drafter legislation for the American Samoa legislature which will provide for a new system of appellate review in the High Court.

d. Advised the Director, Territorial Affairs, that annual installment payments from the Virgin Islands Government for the purchase of a piece of submerged lands pursuant to the provisions of the Territorial Submerged Lands Act of 1963 did not abate under the provisions of P.L. 93-435 which, with certain exceptions conveyed contiguous submerged lands to the territories.

e. Advised the Director, Territorial Affairs on the status of U.S. citizens in the Northern Mariana Islands after January 9, 1978, when constitutional government begins. Also advised the Director on the effect of the privileges and immunity provisions in the Covenant on the status of residents of the Northern Mariana Islands under the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952.

II. Litigation

a. New Cases - None

b. Significant developments and decisions -

We have been advised that R.C.A. Globcom is moving to dismiss its appeal to the 9th Circuit in R.C.A. Globcom v. Andrus, et al. D.C. Guan, and has dismissed its protest in the F.C.C. to the award of operating authority to Hawaiian Telephone and Western Union International.

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