

## SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SAIPAN, CM 96950

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Mr. Rex I. Palacios
Public Auditor
Commonwealth of the Northern
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Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Palacios:

Pursuant to Section 5 of Public Law No. 4-22, the Constitutional Convention presiding officer is authorized to expend the Convention Operations Funds. Section 4, Item 16-C of the same bill appropriated \$100,000 for the Convention Operations. Furthermore, the law states that funds in Item 16-A (Constitutional Convention Delegate Election - \$10,000) and Item 16-B (Pre-Convention Committee - \$10,000) remaining unobligated on the date the Convention convenes shall revert to Item 16-C (Convention Operations).

I have requested the Director of the Department of Finance by my letter of June 21, 1985, (copy attached) to provide the presiding officer the funds status reports on Items 16-A and 16-B. No reply has been received yet. I do not know whether I have the authority to request financial audit of Item 16-A and Item 16-B. However, I feel that since the appropriation law specifically stated that remaining unobligated funds on the date the Convention convenes shall revert to Item 16-C, I should be able to know, if any, such amounts so remain.

Therefore, I am formally requesting a financial audit on all expenditures for Section 4, Item 16-A, Item 16-B and Item 16-C of Public Law 4-22. The report should be sent

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to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. I would like to be provided a courtesy copy of the report even after the Convention is adjourned.

Sincerely yours,

Herman T. Guerrero

President

## Attachment

xc: Governor

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives