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The Honorable Herman T. Guerrero

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Dear Mr. President:

I would like to thank you for sharing report number 2 on Article III: Executive Branch with me. I have reviewed the report with keen interest particularly the wording of Section 18: Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs. I am in support to leave the suggested text of Section 18 as is and would like to suggest a small amendment to Subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) The Executive Assistant may at any time require information in writing or otherwise with respect to matters affecting persons of Carolinian descent from the officers of any administrative department, office or agency of the Commonwealth. Any officers requested by the Executive Assistant shall respond to the request within Ninety (90) days of the receipt of the request."

The suggested amendment proposes the addition of a second sentence to the current text of sub section (f) as indicated by the underlined text above. I understand the interest of the delegates in keeping text of the current Section 18 but this is an important amendment for this office as it has been the experience of this office that it has no recourse when its requests are ignored by some government officials. The proposed amendment provides a specific time limit within which the concerned government official will respond. Without this time limit the requested officials can choose to ignore requests from the Executive Assistant and renders this subsection meaningless.

Sincerely,

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