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June 17, 1996

Mr. Herman T. Guerrero
President
Third CNMI Constitutional Convention

## Dear President. Guerrero:

Please be advised that the check payable to myself as the last payment for my services to the Third Constitutional Convention was never received by me. According to Department of Finance records, check number 415292 payable to myself for \$2,083.34 was issued on March 22, 1996. However, I did not receive the check nor do I have any knowledge of what happened to it. I request that a replacement check be issued as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in clearing up this matter.

Sincerely,

Spoke to Jee 4/19 (Widnesday afternoon). He was following up on this. He requested if a replace ment effect could be issued before your next trip. He is in dire need of Junds.

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## Dear President Guerrero:

In light of recent events, I am concerned about the fiscal accountability of funds controlled and disbursed by the ConCon. As you know, my final paycheck was stolen and fraudulently cashed. Additionally, complaints of non-payment have been received from vendors who were supposedly paid. My worry is that there may have been embezzlement or other financial fraud with regard to ConCon funds which will reflect badly upon the ConCon leadership unless it is identified and appropriately reported prior to being discovered by the Office of Public Auditor.

Jerry C. Gatch, Certified Public Accountant, is both a trusted colleague and personal friend of mine. I know his work to be of the highest professional quality. In his professional career, Mr. Gatch has completed many fraud investigations resulting in the identification and quantification of embezzlement and theft. He is somewhat aware already of my concerns regarding the ConCon funds because of my personal problems resulting from the stolen paycheck. Mr. Gatch is well qualified to conduct a limited-scope fraud investigation of all ConCon disbursements and I trust his work to the point of being very comfortable recommending that he be retained for that purpose.

Mr. Gatch has offcred to provide a detailed engagement proposal directly to you if requested and to perform the work at his preferred professional fee rate which he makes available to residents of Tinian. Please advise me if you would like him to submit such a proposal, or contact him directly at 433-0039 if you wish. If Mr. Gatch is not engaged for this assignment, I would still recommend that the investigation be completed by a similarly qualified CPA in the very near future so that the books can be closed on the ConCon knowing that the officers took every available action to achieve true financial accountability.

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Sincerely,

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