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Memo for Herman T. Guerrero
Chair, Post-Convention Committee

From: Howard Willens and Deanne Siemer

We are trying out our new fax machine from home. The number is the same -- 202/829-7598 -- but we bought a new machine because we left our old one in our Garapan office to be used when we get back.

Thanks for the fax transmission which we received today, including the Demapan letter and the Georgetown letter. We are going over to see the editors at the Georgetown Law Journal tomorrow morning, with our best professional author faces on.

We will also probably meet with Dave Cahn while we are in Washington to persuade him that the Governor should not oppose the amendments. Cahn sent us an internet e-mail that seemed reasonably favorably disposed.

You are welcome to use the machines in the Garapan office for anything you need. The Con-con files are all under the 3rd Concon directory, and they all have a "con" prefix on my machine (the one on the right). Howard's files are in a similar directory but have different names. When we were closed down by Bud White, we put all Mary's files, Pam's files, and the legal intern files on Howard's machine, and you can find them there under separate directories.

We have made tentative plans to come back on Sept. 1 if the amendments are to go on the ballot in November. If you think we are needed before then, let us know. Our home phone number is 202/726-6269.

Are you on the AOL (and Internet) yet? If so, you can reach us through the address DeanneS@aol.com (and you need only the DeanneS if you are coming in through AOL itself). You can reach Bernie at Zimmer1006 and Grace at GraceLS; and Les Martin, our reporter, can be reached at LesMartin -- all on AOL. This is considerably cheaper and easier than faxes. If you have documents to send, you can attach them to AOL messages.

I did the index for the CD-ROM disk yesterday. We are waiting for Les to send us the ASCII disks of the transcripts because then we don't have to OCR those and we know there will be no errors. The CD-ROM disks will have the images of each page, and the searchable text of each page of the Con-Con records, plus

the index and the search software. The index lets you turn the pages on the disk as if the hard copy were in front of you. The search software lets you find any word or combination of words in the whole document collection. Any computer can print pages or documents from the disk if attached to a second generation or better laser printer.

My current plan is to make two sets of disks: the first will contain only the Con-Con documents (Daily Journals, Summary Journals, attachments, and public hearing transcripts, plus the constitution and analysis) which would be made available for sale to the public; the second will be a limited edition for you and for us that has both the Pre-Con and Con-Con documents on it. When the Post-Con is finished, we can press another disk and add those documents. You need to let me know what you want on the disk label and on the box label. You also need to let me know how many disks you want pressed in the first round for the public set. I have tentatively ordered 50 of the public set (so they would cost us a little less than \$10 apiece to make) and 5 of the private set. The vendors will provide you with a MAC conversion utility, but if we use a straight ASCII format, you can convert using the standard utility on your MAC. The vendor will also put a price on the box if you've decided how much you want to sell them for.

Glad to hear the finances are in good shape. Thanks again for what you did for the staff. It was appreciated enormously by them and by us. Pamela took off for Indonesia and hasn't been heard from since. Mary took hers home to Wyoming, thankful to have survived the experience. I heard from Bernie and Grace -- they are back in California after visiting Rita and Joe Dela Cruz in Hawaii.

Could you give me Rod Jacob's phone number and fax number? I left them in Saipan, and I need to get ahold of him about a couple of research projects. Thanks.

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