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Dear Joe:

The Post Convention Committee met Tuesday to consider various matters relating to the vote on the proposed constitutional amendments scheduled for March 2, 1996. One of the subjects discussed concerned the possibility of litigation following the vote that may involve a challenge to the current provisions of the CNMI Constitution setting the requirements for the approval of any amendment to the Constitution.

The Committee members are aware of your plans to reenter private practice in the Northern Marianas after many years of serving with distinction on the Commonwealth Supreme Court. We welcome you back in this new capacity and would like to enlist your services with respect to any litigation that relates to the March 2 vote on the proposed amendments.

At the moment, of course, this is a matter of contingency planning. We would appreciate learning, however, whether you would be willing to assist the Post Convention Committee, or a group of the Saipan delegates, if litigation does develop along these lines. We are confident that an appropriate fee arrangement could be negotiated with you so that you would not be working on a pro bono basis, as you did so generously during the Convention.

The delegates were extremely fortunate in having you serve as a distinguished member of the legal team during the Convention. We are very anxious to be one of your first clients in private practice and believe that constitutional litigation of this kind would provide a professional challenge that would interest you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Herman T. Guerrero, Chair  
Post Convention Committee