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TO: Herman T. Guerrero
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FROM: Howard P. Willens

MESSAGE: Herman: I just learned that there is a meeting of the Saipan delegates this evening. I wanted to make certain that you had a copy of the letter dated March 18 that we delivered to Dr. Camacho, which I assume was circulated to all the delegates. A few new issues have come up that I would like to discuss with you before the meeting. I will be at the office until about 4:10 this afternoon. Thanks.

March 18, 1995

Dr. Carlos S. Camacho
Chair, Saipan Delegation
Third Constitutional Convention

Dear Dr. Camacho:

We welcome the opportunity to amplify our Proposal to Assist the Pre-Convention Committee of March 6, 1995.

First, we wish to confirm that we are available to assist the Convention as legal counsel if the Pre-Convention Committee so recommends and the Convention agrees. The terms on which the two of us would serve are the same as set forth in our Proposal -- reimbursement of our actual out of pocket expenses not to exceed \$3000 per month in total. We are not seeking any additional compensation for our professional services because of our commitment to the Commonwealth and the challenging opportunity presented by the Third Constitutional Convention.

Second, if retained by the Pre-Convention Committee, we would assist the Committee in examining its options and preparing a budget for the various aspects of staff support that would attempt to match the identifiable needs of the Convention against the available resources. The Pre-Convention Committee will define the overall requirement for additional lawyers and consultants once the Convention gets underway. We included as options in our initial proposal (for legal counsel to the Pre-Convention Committee itself) some funds for such additional lawyers and consultants with the idea that the Committee might want to get a head start on areas where the Convention would likely have specific needs.

Third, we have experience, such as with the First Constitutional Convention, in putting together and working successfully with a small team of lawyers and experts drawn from Marianas, U.S., and other sources. We welcome the opportunity to work with others recommended by the Pre-Convention Committee, and have discussed that possibility with Mike White, for example. The primary objective is to provide the quality of service that the delegates expect and deserve.

If there are other questions that you or other members of the Pre-Convention Committee have regarding our availability, please let us know. We look forward to meeting with the Committee to pursue this matter in person.

Sincerely,

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