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Mr. Jeffrey Farrow  
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Domestic Policy Staff  
Room 420  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Jeff:

I regret very much the delay in sending to you the enclosed documents which I promised during our meeting last week. For your information and reference are copies of the Covenant and related legislative history, the Constitution of the Northern Marianas and a map of the Marianas Archipelago.

Of particular interest to you is Section 504 of the Covenant (P.L. 94-241) which relates to the matter of the establishment of the Commission on Federal Laws. The membership of the Commission as I mentioned to you will be appointed by President Carter which will consist of four persons from the Northern Marianas and three from the United States. As I understand it the nomination for the membership in the Commission was submitted to the White House by Secretary Andrus as of the first week of this month. I have been given the impression from friends in the Department of Interior that the recommendation to the President will most likely fall on the desk of Mr. Stuart E. Eizenstat. I hope that if your time permits, you will look into this matter.

In our meeting last week, I indicated to you that I have a reservation with respect to the selection of one of the candidates from the Northern Mariana Islands, that of Mr. Jesus Sablan. My reservation is strictly based on the nominee's qualifications, experience and understanding of the responsibility, goals and objectives of the Commission. There is another candidate whom I believe to possess the necessary qualifications and competency to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Commission more effectively than Mr. Sablan. That person is Mr. Pete A. Tenorio who served as a Senator in the Northern Marianas Legislature, and Director of the Office of Transition Studies and Planning (an office that was funded by the U.S. Congress and was responsible for the master planning, government organization, constitutional convention and establishment of self-government of the Northern Mariana Islands). Pete Tenorio was also a member of the Marianas Political Status Commission which negotiated the Covenant and was instrumental in promoting the idea for the establishment of the Commission on Federal Laws. I strongly believe that if there is one person that should be included in this Commission, it should be Mr. Tenorio. I bring this matter to your attention because of my deep concern and

the interest of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands that the Commission is a very important body and should be filled by the best talents that the Northern Mariana Islands can offer. Mr. Tenorio's name was highly recommended by the legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands and by my Office but for some reasons which I am not privy, the Department of Interior had bypassed him and instead recommended Mr. Sablan. It is my hope that consideration be given by the White House to reconsider Mr. Tenorio's name for the appointment. It is also my hope that should you be visiting the Northern Marianas in the near future, I believe it is most advisable for you to meet with the nominees to the Commission on Federal Laws. I have serious doubt that the Department of Interior has had the opportunity to interview the various nominees and I believe that the White House staff should seriously consider someone like yourself to conduct such interviews. This would give the White House staff a better perspective for the appointment of the nominees. For your reference, I am enclosing a resume of Mr. Tenorio.

Governor Carlos Camacho has once again asked me to convey to you his interest in meeting you at the Governor's Conference in Honolulu. He is most delighted that you with an island background and sensitivity is holding a key position in the White House. He would like very much to spend some time with you at your convenience during the Honolulu meeting. Mr. Robert Garland of my staff will also be attending the meeting in Honolulu on my behalf, and I have asked him to meet with you should your time permit during that week.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to visit with you last week. Let me assure you that my office extends its full cooperation on behalf of the Commonwealth. I would consider it a privilege for you to call on us at any time.

With kindest personal regards,

ED.

Edward DLG. Pangelinan  
Representative to the United States

enclosure

RESUME OF PEDRO AGULTO TENORIO

Born: August 8, 1941, Saipan, Mariana Islands

Marital Status: Married to Susan O. Tenorio  
Two Children - Dean 12 years; Sharilyn 7 years.

Education: Schools and IHL Attended

Elementary: Saipan Elementary School, 1948-1954.

Intermediate School: Saipan Intermediate School, 1954-1957

Pacific Islands Central School, Truk  
Eastern Caroline Islands - 1957-1958

George Washington High School, Guam - 1958-1959

Tumon Jr.-Sr. High School, Guam - 1959-1960 - High School Diploma

College of Guam - 1960-1961

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii - 1961-1965 - B.A. in Geology

Taught High School Science - Hopwood Jr.-Sr. High School, Saipan -  
September 1965- May 1966.

Geologist Trainee - TTPI Public Works - June 1966-August 1966.

Graduate Studies:

East West Center Grantee at University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii  
1966-1968

1969 - Master of Science in Geological Sciences - Hydrology.

1970 - Master of Science in Public Health (Environmental Sciences)

Work Experience and Public Services:

1970-1972 - Staff hydrologist for the Trust Territory of the Pacific  
Islands.

1972-1973 - Private consultant in geology and water resources.

1973-1974 - Office manager for engineering and consulting firms  
of Thomas J. Davis, Inc., Saipan and Juan C. Tenorio  
and Associates, Inc., Saipan.

1974-1976 - Senator, Congress of Micronesia

Member of the following Committees and Commissions:

1. Senate Ways and Means Committee
2. Senate Education and Social Committee
3. Senate Resources and Development Committee.
4. Joint Committee on Program and Budget
5. COM Joint Committee on Future Status
6. Marianas Political Status Commission

April 1976-May 1976 - Member, 4th Northern Mariana Islands Legislature  
MAY 1978

May 1976 to ~~1978~~ - Director, Office of Transition Studies and Planning

Scope of Responsibilities: Development of Comprehensive Plans for NMI for the following areas:

1. Socioeconomic Development Plan.
2. Physical Master Plan.
3. Government Organization Plan.
4. Federal Programs Evaluation
5. Salary and Personnel Classification Plan

JUN 1978-<sup>Jan 1979</sup>PRESENT: SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR EXECUTIVE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS, NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Publications:

- Jan 1979 - Present - Executive Director, Marianas Trench Land Corporation*
1. Tenorio, P. A., Whitehead, H.C. and Young, R. H. F. - Identification of Irrigation Return Water in the Subsurface - Water quality; Water Resources Research Center, Technical Report No. 33, University of Hawaii - 1970.
  2. Tenorio, P. A. "Hydrologic-Data Network Design Concepts Pertinent to Ground-Water Resources Inventory in the Hawaiian Islands," A Master's Thesis, University of Hawaii, 1969.
  3. Tenorio, P.A. "The Effects of Return Irrigation Water on the Basal Lens in Kahuku Plantation, Oahu, and Pioneer Mill and Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company Plantations on Maui", A Master's Thesis, University of Hawaii, 1970.
  4. Tenorio, P. A., Young, R. H. F., Burbank, N. C., Jr., and Lau, L. Stephen, "Identification of Irrigation Return Water in the Sub-surface, Phase III., Kahuku, Oahu and Kahului and Lahaina, Maui", Water Resources Research Center, University of Hawaii, Technical Report No. 44, 1970.
  5. Tenorio, Pedro A., "Evaluation of the Groundwater Resources at Isley Field Region and Other Areas for Planning and Development, Saipan, Mariana Islands, 1973," Tenorio's Environmental Engineering, A Report to the District Administrator, Marianas.

6. "Saipan Island Water Plan", Thomas J. Davis, Inc. (Saipan) -  
Principal Author - Contract Final Report submitted to the District  
Administrator, 1973.

Favorite Activity: Deep sea fishing, including trolling and "bottom"  
fishing.