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Mr. Jeffrey L. Farrow  
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Dear Mr. Farrow:

My November 21, 1979 letter stated that we will dismiss without prejudice the suit concerning applicability of the FCMA only if negotiations were held on Saipan. The suggestion that a meeting be held in Honolulu following the Pacific Basin Conference is not directly responsive to our settlement offer. We accept the offer to meet in February with the following conditions.

The Attorney General's Office advises me that dismissal of the suit is possible only if the suggested Honolulu meeting is an official negotiation session involving persons from the defendant agencies who have sufficient authority to reach a resolution of our fishery problem. With this in mind, I suggest that a member of the federal government who will participate in the February negotiations come to Saipan in January for preliminary talks. At this time we can prepare the necessary agenda and discussion papers for the Honolulu negotiating session. If this is accomplished, and the negotiations are officially sanctioned by the federal government, we will dismiss the suit prior to opening the February talks.

I shall provide an official list of our negotiators in January and recommend the federal government do the same. I also recommend that the following federal agencies be represented:

White House  
Department of Commerce and NOAA  
Justice Department  
Department of Transportation (USCG)  
Department of Interior (Territories)

Again, the Commonwealth is hopeful that these problems can be resolved amicably for the mutual benefit of our citizens and the federal government. We are offering cooperation and open discussion, but stand firm in our

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conviction that our position has merit.

Please advise as soon as possible by telex or telephone and by mail.

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CARLOS S. CAMACHO  
Governor

Mr. Jeffrey L. Farrow  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Farrow:

My December 21, 1979 letter stated that we will discuss without prejudice the sale of our fishing rights to the FFA only if negotiations were held in Manila. The suggestion that a meeting be held in Honolulu following the Pacific Asia Conference is not a constructive response to our September letter. We will continue to deal with the following conditions:

The primary interest of the Government is that discussion of the sale be possible only if the proposed Manila meeting is an official negotiation as the existing records for the defendant agencies do have sufficient authority to reach a resolution of our fishery matter. With this in mind, I suggest that a member of the federal government who will participate in the February negotiations come to Saipan in January for preliminary talks. At this time we can prepare the necessary agenda of a discussion paper for the meeting. In order to ensure that all conditions are met, and the negotiations are officially opened, the following conditions must be met:

I will provide an official list of our negotiators to Manila and recommend the federal government do the same. I also recommend that the following federal agencies be represented:

- State House
- Department of Commerce and NOAA
- Justice Department
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Department of Interior (Geological)

We are very cooperative in hopes that these problems can be resolved amicably for the mutual benefit of our citizens and the federal government. We are willing to compromise and can discuss, but stand firm on our