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BIO-SKETCH

Gerard M. Emanuel was born on St. Croix to Etherlin and Charles A. Emanuel. He completed his grade school education at Catholic schools on the island and received a B.A. and a master's degree from the University of the Virgin Islands. He also studied Danish, attended the University of Copenhagen, and conducted research there as well as in Egypt, and Ghana. Two papers based on his research were published by the VI Government. They are "The Danish West Indies from Danish Perspectives", (1979), and "A Return to the Motherland", (1986).

Mr. Emanuel has worked most of his adult life as an educator in jobs that involved history, culture, political status, research and/or public administration. He was a political status educator for UVI's Bureau of Public Administration, as well as the executive director for the VI Commission on Status and Federal Relations, and a delegate to the 5th Constitutional Convention. He has testified before Congress and the United Nations on political status and on who should vote in a status referendum. Mr. Emanuel has also participated in several political status programs and written articles on self-determination such as "The Native Papers", (2007). He currently is retired from full-time employment and serves as a part-time professor at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Emanuel is married to the former Marjorie Hendricksen. Together they have two daughters Thema and Rukiya.