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(EPIDEMIC OVER)  
SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS) ... THE EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA THAT SWEEP  
THROUGH THE TRUST TERRITORY DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS HAS  
"RUN ITS COURSE," ACCORDING TO KEVIN MURPHY, CHIEF OF THE TT  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DIVISION.

A TOTAL OF 15,647 CASES OF THE FLU HAD BEEN REPORTED FROM

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ALL SIX DISTRICTS AS OF THIS WEEK, WITH REPORTS STILL COMING IN FROM SOME OF THE OUTER ISLANDS. FIVE DEATHS HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO FLU COMPLICATIONS, BUT ACCORDING TO MURPHY NO DEATHS HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY ENCEPHALITIS, AS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED. ALL OF THE DEATHS, HE SAID, RESULTED FROM PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS PNEUMONIA.

MURPHY RETURNED TO SAIPAN THIS WEEK FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHERE HE AND A DOCTOR FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE

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CONTROL IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, INVESTIGATED THE REPORTED OUTBREAK OF ENCEPHALITIS IN MAJURO AND EBeye. MURPHY SAID THEY DETERMINED THAT SUSPECTED CASES OF ENCEPHALITIS IN MAJURO WERE NOT ACTUALLY ENCEPHALITIS AFTER ALL, AND THAT NO DEATHS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THAT PARTICULAR COMPLICATION IN MAJURO.

ON EBeye, HOWEVER, THEY DID CONFIRM A TOTAL OF FOUR CASES OF ENCEPHALITIS, WHICH IS AN INFLAMMATION OF THE BRAIN. ALL FOUR OF THE CHILDREN STRICKEN BY THIS DISEASE ON EBeye ARE NOW BEING TREATED AT THE KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL. TWO ARE STILL IN A COMA, BUT THE OTHER TWO ARE DOING WELL AND MAY SOON BE ABLE TO GO HOME. MURPHY SAID THESE FOUR WERE THE ONLY CONFIRMED CASES OF ENCEPHALITIS TO OCCUR ANYWHERE IN THE TT DURING THE EPIDEMIC.

MURPHY INDICATED THAT VIROLOGICAL STUDIES ARE PRESENTLY UNDER WAY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ATLANTA CDC, TO DETERMINE THE EXACT STRAIN OF FLU VIRUS THAT CAUSED THE EPIDEMIC, AND ALSO TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC ORGANISM THAT CAUSED THE EBeye ENCEPHALITIS CASES.

(AIRPLANE CRASH)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS)---A U.S. NAVY AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT (HU-16) FROM THE NAVY AIR STATION ON GUAM, WAS DAMAGED ON LANDING

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AT PAGAN ISLAND TUESDAY AFTERNOON (SEPT. 7) ON TRAINING FLIGHT, ACCORDING TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROC BRIERLEY, TT MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER.

THE NAVY AIRCRAFT SHEARED OFF ITS RIGHT LANDING GEAR AND HAD A COLLAPSED NOSE WHEEL AND SUSTAINED SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. BRIERLEY SAID NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN THE PLANE CRASHED. PAGAN

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IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE CRASH IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. THE AIRCRAFT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED FEET FROM THE TOUCH-DOWN POINT, PARTIALLY BLOCKING THE RUNWAY. THE AIRCREW ALONG WITH THE DISTAD REP., FRANCISCO KAIPAT, WERE USING TWO DISTRICT TRACTORS IN AN ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE RUNWAY SO THAT ANOTHER AIRCRAFT CAN GET IN WITH ASSISTANCE.

"IT IS QUESTIONABLE AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE AIRCRAFT CAN BE REPAIRED ON PAGAN AND FLOWN OUT FROM THERE," BRIERLEY SAID. HE ADDED THAT IT MAY HAVE TO BE LIFTED OUT OF PAGAN BY SURFACE TRANSPORTATION.

(GRANT REDUCED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS)---THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AWARDED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT UNDER THE U.S. EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT

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ACT HAS BEEN REDUCED CONSIDERABLY, ACCORDING TO THE ACTING TT DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, LUTHER BAKER.

ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE TT WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE \$545,200 UNDER THE ACT, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO HIRE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED PERSONS. THAT AMOUNT HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO \$296,220.

BECAUSE OF THIS DRASTIC REDUCTION, BAKER TOLD MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE WEDNESDAY (SEPT. 8) THAT THE TT GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO HIRE 177 PEOPLE, INSTEAD OF THE MORE THAN 300 THAT IT HAD EXPECTED TO HIRE. PRIORITY IN HIRING WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS: POLICE AND FIREMEN; PUBLIC WORKS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS; HEALTH AND EDUCATION AIDES; NINE MICRONESIAN TEACHERS FOR SAIPAN'S MT CARMEL SCHOOL; AND A PERSONNEL ASSISTANT FOR EACH DISTRICT.

THE MONEY FROM THE EAA GRANT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICTS FOR THE HIRING OF PERSONNEL ACCORDING TO POPULATION. BAKER SAID THOSE HIRED WILL BE PRIMARILY MICRONESIANS, AND WILL BE UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE HIRED FOR POSITIONS NOT COVERED BY THE REGULAR GOVERNMENT BUDGET.

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(COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COURSE)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS)---A COURSE IN COMPUTER PROGRAMMING IS BEING OFFERED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA EXTENSION PROGRAM. CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING ON SAIPAN, BEGINNING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 1971.

THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE LECTURES, DISCUSSION WORK SESSIONS AND PROBLEM SOLVING USING THE COMPUTER AT THE DATA PROCESSING CENTER. IT WILL BE CONDUCTED ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 7:30 TO 9:30 IN THE EVENING. THE COURSE WILL RUN FOR A TOTAL OF ELEVEN WEEKS.

THIS COURSE IS A NON-DEGREE PROGRAM, BUT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA AS A VALID COLLEGE COURSE.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT THE MARIANAS DISTRICT COORDINATOR OF TEACHER EDUCATION AT THE MARIANAS DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE STORY SLUGGED "AIR PACIFIC"  
IN THE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 MNS DISPATCH, CONTAINS AN ERROR IN THE  
THIRD PARAGRAPH. THE FIRST SENTENCE IN THAT PARAGRAPH STATES THAT  
NEITHER ROTA NOR TINIAN IS SERVED BY ANY OTHER AIR CARRIER. THAT IS  
INCORRECT. ROTA IS SERVED BY AIR MICRONESIA. THEREFORE, IF ANY  
FURTHER USE IS TO BE MADE OF THAT STORY, THE PHRASE "NEITHER OF WHICH

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(IS SERVED BY ANY OTHER CARRIER." SHOULD BE DELETED.)  
(MNS RADIO WIRE)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS)---THE EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA THAT HAS AFFECTED NEARLY 16,000 PEOPLE IN THE TT IS DECLINING, ACCORDING TO KEVIN MURPHY, CHIEF OF THE TT COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DIVISION. FIVE DEATHS HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO FLU COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS PNEUMONIA. THE OUTBREAK OF ENCEPHALITIS IN THE MARSHALLS IS NOT AS SERIOUS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. ONLY FOUR CASES OF THIS

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DISEASE HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, AND IT HAS CAUSED NO DEATHS.

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SAIPAN, SEPT. 8, (MNS)---THE FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED TO THE TT GOVERNMENT UNDER THE U.S. EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT HAS BEEN REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY BY ACTING TT DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, LUTHER BAKER. THE TT GOVERNMENT WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE \$545,200 BUT THAT AMOUNT HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO \$296,220.

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