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(SEARCH FOR MISSING BOAT)

MARSHALLS, JAN. 20 (MNS)---A SEARCH FOR A MISSING BOAT
WITH ONE PERSON ABOARD WAS LAUNCHED EARLY THIS WEEK IN THE
MARSHALLS AILINGLAPLAP ATOLL, ACCORDING TO TRUST TERRITORY

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MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROC BRIERLY.

BRIERLY SAID THE MISSING PERSON IS A CREW MEMBER OF THE
M/V MAKUA. THE M/V MAKUA WAS ANCHORED MONDAY EVENING (JAN. 17)
NEAR AILINGLAPLAP ISLAND AND ABOUT MIDNIGHT THAT EVENING THE
MISSING MAN GOT INTO A DINGHYBOAT THAT BELONGED TO THE SHIP AND
ATTEMPTED TO GO ASHORE. THE SMALL BOAT IS ABOUT EIGHT FEET LONG,
ALL PLASTIC. APPARENTLY, THE MAN WHO TRIED TO SAIL ASHORE NEVER
MADE IT.

THE SEARCH INVOLVES TWO SHIPS, THE M/V JAMES COOK AND M/V
MAKUA AND A C-130 MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM THE 70TH AIR RESCUE AND
RECOVERY TEAM, NAVAL AIR STATION, GUAM. BRIERLY SAID THAT AS OF
TUESDAY (JAN. 20) THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE MISSING BOAT IN THE
AREA OF THE SEARCH AT AILINGLAPLAP AND NEARBY KWAJALEIN ATOLL.
THE SEARCH OPERATION IS CONTINUING, HE SAID.
(MEDICAL EVACUATION)

PONAPE, JAN. 20, (MNS)---A RUSSIAN SAILOR WHO HAD BEEN SUFFERING
FROM A WEEK-LONG APPENDICITIS ATTACK WAS EVACUATED TO THE PONAPE
HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY (JAN. 19) FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, ACCORDING TO LIEU
TENANT COMMANDER ROC BRIERLY, TT MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER.

THE MASTER OF THE RUSSIAN SHIP, SS AKADEMIK KOROLEV, REQUESTED

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OFFICIALS IN PONAPE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ONE OF HIS CREW MEM-
BERS. OFFICIALS IN PONAPE DISPATCHED A BOAT WITH A DOCTOR ON BOARD
TO PICK UP THE PATIENT ONE MILE OFF THE SHORE OF PONAPE.

UPON ARRIVAL OF THE RUSSIAN SAILOR AT PONAPE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL
OFFICIALS FELT THAT HE SHOULD BE SENT TO A BIGGER HOSPITAL BECAUSE
OF THE SUSPICION OF A RUPTURED APPENDIX. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE AND

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THE RUSSIAN SAILOR WAS FLOWN TO GUAM'S NAVAL HOSPITAL BY A C-130 MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS IN PONAPE DELIVERING SUPPLIES FOR THE CIVIC ACTION TEAM. THE PATIENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTOR TO GUAM WHERE HE WAS ADMITTED FOR OPERATION.

ACCORDING TO BRIERLY, THE RUSSIAN HAS UNDERGONE OPERATION AT THE GUAM NAVAL HOSPITAL AND IS DOING ALL RIGHT.
(SOLAR TRADER)

SAIPAN, JAN. 20, (MNS)--- INFORMATION REGARDING THE GROUNDED FREIGHTER M/V SOLAR TRADER CONTINUES TO REACH THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS WHERE IT IS BEING EVALUATED BY TRUST TERRITORY AND MILI OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE VESSEL AND HER CARGO.

THE SOLAR TRADER RAN AGROUND ON THE REEF AT WEST FAYU IN YAP DISTRICT JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND HAS BEEN STUCK FAST ON THE

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REEF EVER SINCE. ON BOARD IS A CARGO OF MORE THAN 200 AUTOMOBILES WHICH WERE DESTINED FOR AUSTRALIA. THE SHIP WAS SAILING FROM JAPAN WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURED.

THIS WEEK LAMBERT AAFIN OF THE TT TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, AND WARREN BARTO, A MARINE ENGINEER ON SPECIAL DETAIL ABOARD THE TT VESSEL M/V WANDANK, RETURNED TO SAIPAN FROM THE AREA OF THE GROUNDING TO REPORT ON WHAT THEY HAD OBSERVED. THEIR REPORT INDICATED THAT ATTEMPTS TO ALIGN THE SOLAR TRADER AT A PERPENDICULAR ANGLE TO THE HEAVY SURF ACTION AT THE REEF USING THE WANDANK AND ANOTHER TT VESSEL, M/V PACIFICA, HAD PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL.

THE ATTEMPT TO USE THE GROUNDED SHIP'S ANCHOR WAS FRUSTRATED BY AN INABILITY TO PROVIDE STEAM POWER TO THE SHIP'S DECK WINCHES. FURTHERMORE, THEY SAID, HEAVY WAVE ACTION SEEMED TO BE PUSHING THE SOLAR TRADER FARTHER ONTO THE REEF SO THAT THE SHIP'S RIGHT SIDE WAS DIRECTLY EXPOSED TO THE OCEAN SWELLS AND THE HULL WAS MORE SECURELY GROUNDED THAN EVER.

BARTO SAID THAT SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO RESTORE POWER TO THE DECK EQUIPMENT, BUT THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN OPERATING THE BOILERS TO GENERATE STEAM ON THE SHIP. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE SHIP'S ELECTRIC GENERATOR HAD BEEN STARTED, THEY WERE

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USELESS IN HANDLING THE ANCHORS.

A COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT MADE AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE SCENE NEAR THE SOLAR TRADER AND REPORTED WEDNESDAY (JAN. 19) THAT HEAVY WAVES CONTINUED TO POUND THE SHIP, AND THAT NEAR THE STERN ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE VESSEL, SEVERAL STEEL HULL PLATES ARE MISSING. THE OCEAN SWELLS ARE FORCING WATER INTO A LARGE OPENING IN THE HULL, AND MORE STEEL PLATES ARE HANGING LOOSELY INTO THE WATER.

WHILE IT SEEMS THAT THE SHIP ITSELF IS NOW UN SALVAGEABLE ACCORDING TO TRANSPORTATION CHIEF WAYNE THIESSEN, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT SOME OF THE CARGO ON BOARD CAN BE SAVED HAS STILL NOT BEEN FULLY DETERMINED. BARTO HAS SUGGESTED THAT IF THE SEAS CALM DOWN, THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY OF CUTTING PVOGE IN THE SIDE OF THE SHIP TO REMOVE SOME OF THE AUTOMOBILES.

A DECISION ON FURTHER SALVAGE EFFORTS WILL AWAIT A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JOHN ROBINSON, THE SENIOR SALVAGE OFFICER FOR THE MILI AND TRANSCO JOINT EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF SALVAGING THE SOLAR TRADER. ROBINSON IS ABOARD THE PACIFICA, WHICH WAS ON ITS WAY TO PALAU ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.

(AIR NAURU)

SAIPAN, JAN 20, (MNS)---THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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