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(FIRST STATUS SESSION)

PALAU APRIL 4 (MNS)---REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SAT DOWN TO THEIR FIRST WORKING SESSION OF THE CURRENT ROUND OF POLITICAL STATUS TALKS MONDAY (APRIL 3) IN PALAU. THE HEADS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS PRESENTED OPENING STATEMENTS AT A MEETING WHICH LASTED ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.

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SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OF PALAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, OPENED THE SESSION BY SAYING THAT HIS COMMITTEE IS APPROACHING THIS FOURTH ROUND OF MEETINGS BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE U.S. "IN A SPIRIT OF GREATER OPTIMISM THAN PREVAILED AT THE OPENING OF OUR PRIOR SESSIONS. THIS OPTIMISM IS WARRANTED," HE SAID, "BY THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ALREADY MADE TOWARD ACHIEVING AN HONORABLE RESOLUTION TO THE UNITED STATES' TRUSTEESHIP IN MICRONESIA."

THE STATEMENT CONTINUED: "IN REVIEWING THE RECORD OF OUR DISCUSSIONS LAST OCTOBER IN HAWAII, WE FIND AGREEMENT OR CLOSE APPROACH TO AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL OF THE CRUCIAL ISSUES BESETTING US. WE SEE WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE IN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MICRONESIA'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION; WE SEE RECOGNITION OF MICRONESIA'S RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNMENT; WE SEE YOUR CONSENT TO THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE THAT BASIC OWNERSHIP OF MICRONESIAN LAND IS VESTED IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

SALII ADDED THAT PROGRESS IN EACH OF THESE AREAS--"A PROGRESS TOWARD WHICH (THE U.S.) DELEGATION HAS CONTRIBUTED"--HAS LEAD THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO BELIEVE THAT THE REMAINING AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT CAN BE SATISFACTORILY

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RESOLVED AT THE CURRENT TALKS. THE SENATOR URGED A "DIRECT ATTACK ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE STILL DIVIDING US; THE TERMINATION OF ANY FUTURE COMPACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MICRONESIA."

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THE STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT IN SPITE OF THE DIFFERENCES OF POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS FELT THAT A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT CAN BE FOUND--A SOLUTION WHICH WILL "ASSURE A STABLE U.S. PRESENCE IN MICRONESIA WHILE PROVIDING (THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA) INDISPENSABLE ULTIMATE CONTROL OVER THEIR POLITICAL DESTINY." IN THE TALKS AT HANA, HAWAII IN OCTOBER, 1971, THE MICRONESIAN HAD PROPOSED THAT ANY FUTURE COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MICRONESIA BE UNILATERALLY TERMINABLE. THE U.S. HAD CALLED FOR TERMINATION OF ANY COMPACT ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF BOTH SIDES.

SENATOR SALII'S OPENING REMARKS THEN REFERRED TO THE RECENT ACTION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GIVING THE JOINT COMMITTEE THE AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT "TO ARRIVE AT A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WHICH, IN THE COMMITTEE'S JUDGEMENT, IS BEST SUITED TO THE NEEDS, INTERESTS, AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA." ACCORDINGLY,

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THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION, SALII SAID, "IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH YOU IN AS FLEXIBLE AND IMAGINATIVE A SPIRIT AS THE REALITIES OF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT."

IN CONCLUSION, THE STATEMENT READ BY SALII LISTED THE GOALS WHICH THE MICRONESIANS HAVE SET FOR THE CURRENT TALKS. THEY INCLUDE A FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENT ON THE TERMINATION ISSUE, FORMULATION OF A DRAFT COMPACT BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS, AND A MORE DETAILED SENSE OF THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MICRONESIA. "IT IS, WE REALIZE, A LARGE AGENCY," HE SAID, "BUT THE PROGRESS WE HAVE ALREADY MADE AND OUR SENSE OF YOUR OWN GROUP'S--INDEED YOUR OWN PRESIDENT'S--INCLINATION TO CONTINUE THE PROGRESS MADE LAST OCTOBER, ENCOURAGES US TO BELIEVE WE CAN MEET THESE GOALS."

AT THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, THE DELEGATIONS WERE NOT EXPECTED TO ANSWER ONE ANOTHER IN THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, THE LENGTHY STATEMENT READ INTO THE RECORD BY AMBASSADOR FRANK LEHAYON WILLIAMS, AS HEAD OF THE AMERICAN GROUP, DID IN SEVERAL RESPECTS RESPOND TO THE MICRONESIAN STATEMENT. TAKING A BROAD VIEW OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, THE 17-PAGE PAPER INDICATES THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION DOES NOT

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ANTICIPATE THAT ANY KIND OF A DRAFT COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION
COULD BE FORULATED AT THIS POINT, UNTIL FURTHER DETAILS OF THE
PROPOSED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE U.S. HAVE
BEEN RESOLVED. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS ALSO SAID THAT ANY RESOLUTION
OF THE QUESTION OF FUTURE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND MICRONESIA WILL HAVE TO AWAIT ANSWERS TO MANY QUESTIONS
WHICH THE U.S. HAS CONCERNING MICRONESIAN EXPECTATIONS IN THIS
AREA.

THE AMERICAN STATEMENT BEGAN WITH A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SIX MONTH SINCE THE
OCTOBER TALKS IN HAWAII. THE MOST NOTABLE FOR THE U.S., SAID
WILLIAMS, WAS PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO CHINA. THERE HAS ALSO
BEEN A "PHASE DOWN OF THE UNITED STATES' MILITARY ROLE IN
VIETNAM", MAKING POSSIBLE FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN U.S.
FORCES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA." THE AMBASSADOR ADDED: "THE PRESI-
DENT'S QUEST FOR A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS
WILL NEXT TAKE HIM TO THE SOVIET UNION IN MAY, AND HOPEFULLY
BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, THE USSR AND THE U.S. WILL HAVE
CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT IN SOME AREAS ON STRATEGIC ARMS
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WILLIAMS ALSO BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE RECENT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SESSION IN PALAU, NOTING THAT THE REPORTED INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU IN THE PROCEEDINGS "AUGURS WELL INDEED, WE BELIEVE, FOR YOUR POLITICAL FUTURE."

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE INTERVENING SIX MONTHS HAVE GIVEN BOTH OF THE STATUS DELEGATIONS TIME TO REVIEW AND REFLECT ON WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT THE OCTOBER TALKS IN HAWAII, AND

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SAID THAT AFTER THIS REFLECTION AND FURTHER CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON, THE U.S. TEAM IS READY TO TAKE UP WHERE THE TALKS LEFT OFF LAST YEAR.

WILLIAMS ADDED: "AS WE BEGIN THE FOURTH ROUND OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF OUR HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THESE TALKS. FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE WE CAN REACH AN OVERALL AGREEMENT ON YOUR FUTURE STATUS. SECOND, "THE AMBASSADOR SAID, "WE HOPE THAT BEFORE THIS ROUND IS CONCLUDED, WE CAN MOVE FROM THE CONCEPTUAL TO THE PRACTICAL, FROM UNDERSTANDINGS IN PRINCIPLE TO AGREED MINUTES.

"HOWEVER," THE STATEMENT CONTINUED, "WE THINK THAT IT IS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT THAT A FULL DRAFT COMPACT WILL EMERGE FROM THIS ROUND OF TALKS. IN OUR JUDGEMENT, A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WILL BE NECESSARY ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS BEFORE PRELIMINARY AGREEMENTS ON LANGUAGE CAN BE REACHED IN CERTAIN AREAS. I CITE AS ONE EXAMPLE, FINANCE. BEFORE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS GOVERNING ANY FUTURE FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN A COMPACT TO BE SUBMITTED TO OUR CONGRESS, WE WOULD HAVE TO KNOW A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN WE DO

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NOW ABOUT YOUR FUTURE BUDGETARY NEEDS AS YOU SEE THEM, YOUR PRELIMINARY THINKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE FISCAL AND BUDGETARY INSTITUTIONS, AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH ONLY YOU CAN ANSWER.

"WE HAVE COME TO PALAU," WILLIAMS SAID, "TO ASK THESE

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KINDS OF PRACTICAL QUESTIONS AND TO LISTEN CAREFULLY TO YOUR ANSWERS. WE REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT MUCH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED HERE AT THE PALAU TALKS. WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU TO BRIDGE THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR TWO POSITIONS."

THE STATEMENT THEN REVIEWED THE PRELIMINARY AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE REACHED IN HAWAII ON THE ISSUES OF LAND AND LAW, AND MOVED TO REMAINING ISSUES WHICH THE U.S. PROPOSES TO DISCUSS AT THE CURRENT MEETINGS; THE MAJOR QUESTIONS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE, FINANCE, TRANSITION AND TERMINATION.

"THE FIRST TWO ITEMS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE, ARE OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO US," SAID WILLIAMS. "THE NEXT TWO, FINANCE AND TRANSITION, WE FEEL ARE OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO YOU. THE LAST ITEM, TERMINATION, IS IMPORTANT TO US BOTH, AND IT MAY WELL BE THE MAJOR REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US."

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WILLIAMS CONTINUED THEN TO OUTLINE IN SOME DETAIL THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MIGHT GOVERN DECISIONS ON THESE ISSUES WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF THE CLOSED SESSION IN COMING DAYS IN PALAU.

THE TWO DELEGATIONS ADJOURNED THEIR FORMAL SESSIONS UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING. EACH OF THE DELEGATIONS WAS TO MEET SEPARATELY ON MONDAY AFTERNOON TO CONSIDER DETAILED AGENDAS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF POSITIONS FOR DISCUSSION.
(PUBLIC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP)

SAIPAN APRIL 4 (MNS)---TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN WILL LEAVE TRUK THIS WEEK TO ATTEND A PUBLIC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP AT THE EAST-WEST-CENTER IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. THE WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10 TO 21.

THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS FROM SMALL MUNICIPALITIES, SUCH AS MAYORS, COUNCILMEN AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS WITH COMPARABLE RESPONSIBILITIES, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND IDEAS ABOUT PROBLEMS AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ADMINISTRATION.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE EAST WEST CENTER'S TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE. DISTAD SABLAN IS THE TRUST

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TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS WORKSHOP.
(NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHIEF)

SAIPAN APRIL 4 (MNS)--DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT WYMAN X ZACHARY HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF G. DUDLEY DAMBACHER AS CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. DAMBACHER ARRIVED ON SAIPAN LATE LAST WEEK TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POSITION, WHICH HAS BEEN FILLED ON AN ACTING BASIS

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SINCE AUGUST OF LAST YEAR BY MANUEL A. SABLAN.

THE NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHIEF IS FROM HONOLULU, WHERE HE WAS PRESIDENT OF PUNAHOU CLIFFS CORPORATION, A REAL ESTATE, LAND MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. HE ALSO WORKED FOR 17 YEARS AS HAWAIIAN AREA MANAGER FOR PILLSBURY COMPANY, A MAJOR U.S. FOOD PRODUCTS FIRM.

DAMBACHER IS A GRADUATE OF WHITMAN COLLEGE IN WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, WHERE HE EARNED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND JOURNALISM. HE IS A VETERAN WHO SAW SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR TWO WITH THE FIRST B-24 LIBERATOR BOMBER SQUADRON WHICH ARRIVED AT SAIPAN'S ISLEY FIELD, IN APRIL, 1944. HE IS A LT. COLONEL IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE.

DAMBACHER AND HIS WIFE, LOIS, HAVE THREE CHILDREN.
(MAGISTRATE'S CONFERENCE ENDS) (FROM A WSZO REPORT)

MAJURO APRIL 4 (MNS)---THE FIRST MAGISTRATE'S WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT ENDED LAST WEEK IN MAJURO. DURING THE CEREMONY THAT MARKED THE CLOSE OF THE TWO-WEEK CONFERENCE, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM AND SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SPOKE TO THE MORE THAN 20 OUTER-ISLAND MAGISTRATES WHO HAD ATTENDED THE EVENT.

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PRESIDENT KABUA NOTED THAT THE MEETING HAD GIVEN THE DISTRICT LEADERS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE OUTER-ISLANDS. HE SPOKE PARTICULARLY OF THE PRICE OF COPRA, CURRENTLY VERY LOW. THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH REQUIRES

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COLLECTIVE EFFORT FROM ALL INVOLVED TO SOLVE, HE SAID.

KABUA ALSO TALKED BRIEFLY ABOUT THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE STATUS QUESTION WILL SOON BE RESOLVED, AND HE URGED THAT THE MARSHALLESE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP THEIR TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS EASILY.

DISTAD DEBRUM URGED THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HEADS TO ACCEPT THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER TRADITIONAL AND ELECTED LEADERS SO THAT THE COMMUNITIES CAN BE IMPROVED. HE PLEDGED THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WHENEVER AND WHEREVER NEEDED.

THE WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE GAVE THE OUTER ISLAND MAGISTRATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF A MAGISTRATE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

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(DEPUTY HICOM RETURNS)

SAIPAN APRIL 4 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T COLEMAN RETURNED LAST WEEKEND FROM HONOLULU WHERE HE ATTENDED A WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CENTER FOR ACTION RESEARCH. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS REMENGESAU.

COLEMAN SAID THE CONFERENCE WAS VERY TIMELY AND MOST INFORMATIVE. HE NOTED THAT THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR BETTERING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN SINCE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE SOCIAL UNIT THAT AFFECTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILD MOST IS THE FAMILY, AND THE INFLUENCES IN THE FAMILY HAVE A GREAT EFFECT ON THE GROWTH OF A CHILD AS A RESPONSIBLE AND ADJUSTED MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

THE DEPUTY HICOM INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE ESTABLISHED FOR SERVICING THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE YOUNG PERSON. HE SAID IT MUST BE REMEMBERED BY THE CHILDREN THAT THEY ALSO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THEIR PARENTS SO THAT THEIR OWN ACTIONS BRING FULFILLMENT AND JOY TO THE PARENTS.

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COLEMAN ALSO SAID THAT DURING THE INSTITUTE HE MET WITH YOUNG PERSONS FROM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND HAD LONG TALKS WITH SOME OF THEM ON HOW THEY GET INTO SUCH A SITUATION. HE SAID IT GIVES THE ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL INSIGHT INTO YOUTH PROBLEMS THAT MAY COME TO MICRONESIA AND IT BEHOOVES THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREVENT, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THE CREATION OF THESE PROBLEMS IN MICRONESIA.

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(PACIFIC LEGISLATORS CONFERENCE)

GUAM, (PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS PRESS RELEASE)--- THE GOVERNORS OF ALL MEMBER DELEGATIONS OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE AS SPEAKERS IN THE MAY CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1 TO 6.

GOVERNOR JON M HAYDON OF AMERICAN SAMOA WILL BE SPEAKING ON MAY 3, GOVERNOR CARLOS G CAMACHO OF GUAM ON MAY 4, AND GOVERNOR JOHN A BRUNS OF HAWAII ON MAY 5. HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E JOHNSTON HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK, AND CONFERENCE OFFICIALS ARE AWAITING HIS REPLY.

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN PHILLIP BURTON HAS CONSENTED TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE AS WELL.

OTHER IMPORTANT GUESTS FROM THE MAINLAND INSURE AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE WEEK. THESE INCLUDE ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CONOLLY, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE; MR GEORGE MCMANUS, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE CONFERENCE; AND MR PAUL DE FALCO, JR., REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.
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AMERICAN NEGOTIATOR SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION HOPES DURING THIS ROUND OF TALKS TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FROM THE CONCEPTUAL TO THE PRACTICAL, AND THAT THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE LAST ROUND CAN BE CONTINUED.

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SAIPAN APRIL 4 (MNS)--TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN WILL LEAVE TRUK THIS WEEK TO ATTEND A PUBLIC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP AT THE EAST WEST CENTER IN HONOLULU. THE WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10TH TO 21ST. DISTAD SABLAN IS THE TT GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS WORKSHOP.

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SAIPAN APRIL 4 (MNS)--DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT WYMAN X ZACHARY HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF G DUDLEY DAMBACHER AS CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. THE NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHIEF IS FROM HONOLULU AND ARRIVED ON SAIPAN LATE LAST WEEK TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POSITION. HE IS A GRADUATE OF WHITMAN COLLEGE IN WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, WHERE HE EARNED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND JOURNALISM.

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MAJURO APRIL 4 (MNS)---THE FIRST MAGISTRATES WORKSHOP AND
CONFERENCE FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT ENDED LAST WEEK IN
MAJURO. THE TWO-WEEK CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 20
OUTER-ISLAND MAGISTRATES. GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THE FINAL DAY WERE
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DE BRUM AND SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA
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SAIPAN APRIL 4 (MNS)---DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T
COLEMAN RETURNED LAST WEEKEND FROM HONOLULU WHERE HE ATTENDED A
WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DELINQUENCY
PREVENTION. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
THOMAS REMENGESAU. THE CONFERENCE WAS SPONSORED BY THE UNIVER-
SITY OF COLORADO CENTER FOR ACTION RESEARCH, AND COLEMAN SAID
THE CONFERENCE WAS VERY TIMELY AND MOST INFORMATIVE.

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