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CANOTE HAD BEEN CALLED-OFF. THE SEARCH FOR LE SATAWAL ISLAND CANOTE HAD BEEN CALLED-OFF. THE SAILORE RETURNED TO SATAWAL MONDAY EVENING (MAY 8) AND WERE REPORTED SAFE. THE GROUP TOLD YAF EXSTRICT OFFICIALS IN A RADIO CONFERENCE LATE MONDAY THAT THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED ROUGH WEATHER AFTER LEAVING WEST FAYU ATOLL, AND DECIDED TO RETURN HOME.

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THE SAILORS HAD PEEN REPORTED ON THEIR WAY FROM SATAWAL

TO SAIPAN LAST WEEK. SOME REPORTS SAID THEY HAD LEFT SATAWAL ON APRIL 25. OTHERS SAID THEY HAD NOT DEPARTED UNTIL MAY 1. BUT FROM ALL INDICATIONS THE GROUP OF THREE CANOES AND APPROXIMMATELY TEN PEOPLE HAD STOPMED FOR TWO DAYS AT WEST FAYU BEFORE CONTINUING ON TO SAIPAN. WHEN THEY HAD NOT ARRIVED BY EARLY THIS WEEK, A SEARCH WAS LA. CHED BY THE AIR SEA RESCUE SERVICE ON GUAM.

THAT SEARCH WAS DISCONTINGED EARLY TUESDAY MORNING WHEN WORD OF THE RETURN OF THE SAILORS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THERE IS NO INDICATION WHETHER THE GROUP WILL MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO SAIL THE 50% MILES FROM THEIR ATOLL TO SAIPAN. THEY REPORTEDLY WERE UNDERTAKING THE TRIP TO PRESS THEIR ANCIENT CLAIM TO THE ISLAND, SIMILAR TO THE EFFORTS OF A GROUP OF FIVE MEN FROM SATAWAL WHO MADE THE SAME TRIP TWO YEARS AGO. (KABUA INTERVIEW)

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PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA WAS IN HAWAII LAST WEEK WHERE HE ATTENDED
THE FECENTLY CONCLUDED SESSIONS OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF
LEGISLATORS.

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WHILE IN HONOLULU, KABUA WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE HONOLULU ADVITATISER ABOUT THE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION IN MICRONESIA. HE DECLARED THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR MICRONESIANS TO BEGIN THEIR OWN POLITICAL PLANNING. HE SAID HE WOULD ADVOCATE A NEW AND TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT ON A TRIAL BASIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SENATE PRESIDENT FURTHER STATED! "WE DO NOT KNOW HOW

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WELL WE CAN WORK AS AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT. I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED AND ACTIVELY TAKE OVER UNDER AMERICAN SUPERVISION."

WITH REGARD TO MONEY, KABUA SAID THAT ANY PROPOSAL TO GRANT LOCAL CONTROL OVER THE TT BUDGET HOULD MEET WITH STIFF OPPOSITION NOT ONLY FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS BUT FROM THE TT ADMINISTRATION. BUT HE SAID THAT SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA MUST BE MORE THAN JUST GETTING AN AMERICAN GO-AHEAD.

THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT THE IDEA OF A "TRIAL-RUN" MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT FULLY SUPPORTED BY ALL THE AREAS LEADERS. BUT THE ARTICLE INDICATED PRESIDENT KABUA FEELS IT IS TIME FOR MICRONESIANS TO ASSUME COMPLETE CONTROL.

[MARSHALLS GRANT-IN-AID]

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SAIPAND MAY 9% (MNS) - - TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS AWARDED THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT MUSEUM VETE ARY ASSOCIATION A FEDERAL GRANT TOTALLING MORE THAN \$350000, IT WAS JOINTLY ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK BY DIVISION THIEF TO HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WILLIAM ALLEN AND TO DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION R. BURL YARBERRY.

THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO CONTRUCT A BUILDING TO HOUSE THE DISTRICT MUSEUM AND LIBRARY. THE BUILDING WAS DESIGNED BY CARLTON HAWPE, A FORMER PEACE CORP ARCHITECT AND WILL BE ERECTED BY THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION. THE BUILDING IS LARGE ENOUGH TO PERMIT DANCING ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO SECTIONS FOR DISPLAY OF ARTIFACTS AND LIBRARY FACILITIES.

THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS AND DONATIONS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE MARSHALLS! MUSEUM/LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. BOTH ALLEN AND YARBERRY SAID THAT THE PROJECT WAS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT JOINT ACTIVITIES EVER UNDERTAKEN THROUGH CIVIC EFFORTS IN THE DISTRICT. THE BUILDING, THEY AGREED, HAD A PRIORITY NEED

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IN THE MARSHALLS AND WOULD BE A CENTER FOR LEARNING AND FOR
PRESERVING THE DISTRICT'S CULTURAL HERITAGE.

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