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FOR MARSHALLS DISTAD, PLEASE PASS COPY OF THIS DISPATCH TO PRESIDENT DEROBURT OF NAURU.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THIS IS A SECOND MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, CONTAINING THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF TALKS THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF TRANSPAC AND NAURU PACIFIC LINE, REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENT HAMMER DEROBURT OF NAURU.)

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(NAURU SHIPPING AGREEMENT REACHED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8 (MNS)---REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S SHIPPING LINE, TRANSPACIFIC LINES (TRANSPAC), AND NAURU PACIFIC LINE HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL ALLOW NAURU'S SHIPS TO ENTER THE TRUST TERRITORY PORT OF MAJURO, IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE AGREEMENT IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL RELAXATION OF THE HERETOFORE EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO SERVE THE TRUST TERRITORY ENJOYED SINCE 1968 BY TRANSPAC AND ITS PREDECESSOR, MICRONESIAN INTEROCEAN LINES, INC. (MILI).

IN LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS THIS WEEK, IT WAS AGREED THAT NAURU PACIFIC LINE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PORT AT MAJURO, THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT CENTER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCHARGING AND TAKING ON CARGO. MAJURO WILL THEN SERVE AS A TRANS-SHIPMENT CENTER FROM WHICH CARGO WILL BE CARRIED BY TRANSPAC TO THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICT CENTERS, AS WELL AS TO THE U.S. WEST COAST AND THE PORTS IN THE ORIENT SERVED BY TRANSPAC. TRANSPAC CARGO FROM THOSE AREAS DESTINED FOR THE AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH PACIFIC AREAS SERVED BY NAURU SHIPS WILL ALSO BE HANDLED THROUGH MAJURO.

THE NAURU REPRESENTATIVES, LED BY HIS EXCELLENCY HAMMER

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DEROBURT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU, HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION TO SERVE ALL TT PORTS. THIS WAS DEEMED NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME, BUT BOTH SIDES AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS TO DISCUSS PROGRESS GENERALLY, AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT TO ANOTHER PORT IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

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BOTH SIDES ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WITH ACCESS TO THE MARKETS OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF COMMODITIES WITH REGULAR DELIVERY AT REASONABLE RATES.

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AGREEMENT REACHED THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN WERE CONDUCTED IN THE PRESENCE, NOT ONLY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NAURU PACIFIC LINES AND TRANSPAC, BUT ALSO OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

AT CEREMONIES IN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON THURSDAY (SEPT. 7), THE SHIPPING AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT DERORURT FOR NAURU PACIFIC LINE AND

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TRANSPAC PRESIDENT BERNARD HELGENBERGER. ALSO SIGNING THE AGREEMENT AND SIGNIFYING THE APPROVAL OF THE TT GOVERNMENT WAS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

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