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SAIPAN DECEMBER 15--THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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THE MEETINGS CONSISTED OF A FESTIVE INAUGURAL CEREMONY, A PUBLIC PLENARY SESSION AND INFORMAL WORKING TALKS. THESE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WARM EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF A FUTURE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL BENEFIT ALL CONCERNED.

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THERE WERE NO DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS OR EXCHANGES OF FORMAL PROPOSALS DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETINGS, BUT THERE WAS ON BOTH SIDES A FRIENDLY AND FRANK EXPLORATION OF THE

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THE AGENDA FOR THE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED A REVIEW OF THE CERVICAL CANCER DETECTION PROGRAM IN PALAU, THE MEDEX TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SENIOR HIGH WORKERS UNDERWAY IN TRUK, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS, MEDICAL REFERRALS TO GUAM AND HAWAII, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, AND SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR THE NEW PEDIATRIC WARD TO BE BUILT AT KOROR'S MACDONALD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. CONSTRUCTION OF THE WARD HAD BEEN DELAYED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH SITE SELECTION AND DESIGN, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT WORK WILL PROCEED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. DR KUMANGAI TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THOSE WHO HAD WORKED HARD TO GET THE PROJECT UNDERWAY AGAIN.

THE T.T. HEALTH COUNCIL IS A TERRITORY-WIDE ADVISORY BODY,

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(MARIANAS ATTORNEY)

SAIPAN, DECEMBER 15 (MNS)---A NEW ATTORNEY HAS BEEN HIRED FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ANNOUNCED. WILLIAM S. AMBERRY, OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WILL REPLACE CARLOS SALII AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY. SALII HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO WORK AS REGISTRAR OF CORPORATIONS AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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AMSBERRY WILL BE DETAILED TO WORK IN THE HEADQUARTERS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1973. HE HAS HAD A BROAD EXPERIENCE AS A LAWYER. THE NEW ATTORNEY IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES (UCLA) LAW SCHOOL IN 1955 WITH A LLB DEGREE. HE THEN WORKED AS A CONTRACT

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PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION CORPORATION FROM 1956-59, THEN AS A CONTRACT AND LICENSING MANAGER FOR THE NAVEN PRODUCTION IN EL SEGUNDO FROM 1959-61. FROM 1961-63 HE WAS A SENIOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HOFFMAN ELECTRICAL CORPORATION IN LOS ANGELES; A CRIMINAL PROSECUTOR IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA FROM 1964-69; WAS EMPLOYED AT THE LAW FIRM OF GORDON A. DRESCHER IN WASLO, CALIFORNIA FOR A YEAR

PRIOR TO WORKING AS AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE POSITION HE HELD SINCE 1971. HE WAS ALSO A TRIAL LAWYER FOR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS. AMSBERRY IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

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