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(MARIANAS TALKS SET)

SAIPAN, MAY 3, (MNS)---THE SECOND ROUND IN THE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, MAY 8 ON SAIPAN. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE JOINTLY THURSDAY (MAY 3) BY SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS GROUP, AND BY THE U.S. OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON. AMBRASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL

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REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, WILL HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION.

SENATOR PANGELINAN, IN A PREPARED PRESS RELEASE, SAID THAT NEXT WEEK A SERIES OF PRE-NEGOTIATION WORKING SESSIONS WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HELD. HE NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS COMMISSION ARE MEETING THIS WEEK TO REVIEW THE REPORTS OF ITS CONSULTANTS AND PREPARE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO PRESENT TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION.

"WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR THESE TALKS SINCE OUR LAST MEETING, IN DECEMBER," SENATOR PANGELINAN SAID. "FOUR MONTHS OF INTENSIVE RESEARCH HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY OUR CONSULTANTS, AND THEY'VE DONE A FINE JOB." HE SAID A SUBSTANTIAL REPORT PREPARED BY THE LEGAL AND ECONOMIC CONSULTANTS OF THE COMMISSION IS BEING STUDIED, AND WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHEN THE MAY 15 TALKS BEGIN. THE SENATOR ADDED THAT HE IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE TALKS, BUT DECLINED TO SAY HOW MANY ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS HE FEELS WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE A FINAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

THE U.S. MARIANAS TALKS WERE FORMALLY INAUGURATED LAST DECEMBER IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE

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MARIANAS FOR A CLOSE AND PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ACTED TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION, OF WHICH LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS IS VICE-CHAIRMAN. THERE ARE 13 OTHER MEMBERS, REPRESENTING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE MARIANAS COMMUNITY.

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THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE TALKS, IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, WILL CONSIST OF HIS DEPUTY, JAMES M. WILSON, JR.; CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. CROWE, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; JOHN C. DORRANCE, REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND A FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT POLITICAL ADVISOR ASSIGNED TO MICRONESIA; ADRIAN DEGRAFFENRIED, AN ATTORNEY ON THE STAFF OF THE WASHINGTON STATUS NEGOTIATIONS OFFICE; THOMAS JOHNSON, DEPARTMENT OF STATE; COLONEL WILLIAM KENTY, U.S. AIR FORCE; HERMAN MARCUSE, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT; HARMON E. KIRBY, OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; COLONEL ATHOL M. SMITH, U.S. ARMY AND STATUS OFFICE; MARY VANCE TRENT, STATUS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; AND THOMAS WHITTINGTON, REPRESENTING THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

WILSON, DEGRAFFENRIED AND COLONEL SMITH ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN MAY 7 FOR THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS, WITH THE

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REMAINDER OF THE DELEGATION, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, ARRIVING THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.
(SHIPPING TALKS HELD)

SAIPAN, MAY 3 (MNS) -- TALKS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF TRANSPACIFIC LINES AND NAURU PACIFIC LINE CONCERNING TRUST TERRITORY SHIPPING WERE HELD WEDNESDAY (MAY 3) ON SAIPAN. HIS EXCELLENCY HAMMER DERORURT, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU, REPRESENTED THE NAURU COMPANY, WHILE THE TRANSPAC DELEGATES WERE HEADED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, C. DOUGLAS ECHOLS.

SPEAKING WITH NEWSMEN THURSDAY MORNING, BOTH MEN AGREED MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON SAIPAN SOMETIME IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, AS THE TWO COMPANIES CONTINUE THEIR CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS REGARDING SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS THAT CAN BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

FOUR TOPICS WERE ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS WEEK'S TALKS. THE COMPANIES REVIEWED THE RESULTS AFTER SIX MONTHS OF OPERATING THE MAJURO TRANS-SHIPING SERVICE, WHICH PROVIDES THAT NAURU PACIFIC LINE CAN CALL AT MAJURO, WITH THAT CARGO WHICH IS DESTINED FOR OTHER PARTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TRANS-SHIPED VIA

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