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Say Saipan Has Enough Water

SAIPAN — The Mariana Islands District administration has received

copies of the Saipan island water plan prepared by Thomas J. Davis Inc., in

accordance with a contract agreement with the government.

The report includes three sections, hydrology, present development and water sources and the 1990 development plan and water sources.

In each section, the 10 service areas are discussed with relation to hydrology, present development and future development. The water report also contains the future growth of Saipan based on three general indicators, population, industrial and commercial growth.

The report also explains the water situation on Saipan. It states that the present average output of the public water system was found to be sufficient to sustain the projected water demand to the year 1990. This conclusion, the report points out, assumes the ideal condition of a system where leakage and wastage are absent.

However, the report notes, because of the deteriorated condition of the village distribution network, the current production would have to be augmented by new sources to realistically meet future water demands. Additional water in the future will be required by the rapidly growing tourist

industry, population growth, and industrial and agricultural growth continued the report.

It recommends that future needs, ground water be exploited to the maximum extent before other methods of water development are considered. A total of 31 proposed exploratory wells are recommended for the immediate future and a distant future in order to supply the projected growth in population and economic development, the report continued.

The report points out that the sectors of the economy that will require a large amount of water in the future will be the resort and tourist oriented industries and agriculture.

The report recommends that a budgetary program for ground water source development be initiated at the earliest practical date pointing out that an amount of fresh water will be adequate to supply the needs of Saipan population and economic development growth unless proper action is instituted to prevent water wastage throughout every sector of the island.