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9 (HICOM ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM)

10 SAIPAN, Oct. 15 (MNS)---The Trust Territory Government
11 will move decisively during the next several months to fill
12 the need for more and better political education in Micronesia.

13 Calling it "education for self-government in Micronesia,"
14 High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston announced Monday (Oct. 15)
15 on Saipan that a program of political education that will
16 utilize all media is being launched by the Government's
17 Executive Branch under the overall coordination of Director
18 of Public Affairs Strik Yoma.

19 "This program will provide for seminars, discussion
20 groups, written materials, as well as broadcast material,"

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1 said the HiCom. "There will be close cooperation with the
2 Department of Education to make sure that the material is
3 distributed and used in the schools and in Adult education.
4 The program will also include a greatly expanded use of
5 translators to insure that the material is quickly translated
6 into all of the Trust Territory's major languages."

7 High Commissioner Johnston said he and Yoma met last
8 week in Hawaii with United States Ambassador Haydn Williams,
9 President Nixon's Personal Representative for Micronesian
10 Status Negotiations, Senator Lazarus Salii, chairman of the
11 Joint Committee on Future Status, and Stanley S. Carpenter,
12 Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs in the Interior
13 Department. Out of the meeting came an agreement that the
14 basic responsibility for a program of political education in
15 Micronesia lies with the Executive Branch of the Trust
16 Territory Government, and the HiCom pledged this week that his
17 administration will immediately begin to formulate a
18 comprehensive and effective program, one that will be "in every
19 respect a factual presentation of all facets of future
20 self-government for Micronesia."

1 Initially, at least, the program will be directed by the
2 Civic Affairs Division of the Public Affairs Department, but
3 Johnston held open the possibility that "consultants" from outside
4 the T.T. might be engaged. "We will have to seek additional
5 funding to finance this effort," he said, "but certain parts of
6 the program will begin immediately. At least the preparatory
7 work can be done with the present staff."

8 The program will make extensive use of radio, the most
9 comprehensive medium of mass communication in Micronesia. George
10 T. Callison, former TT Broadcast Division Chief, was recently
11 named a special assistant to the Director of Public Affairs,
12 and the High Commissioner said he will be involved in the
13 development of broadcast materials for the education for self-
14 government program.

15 But more than radio programs will be needed, the HiCom
16 acknowledged, saying that the possibility of a special team
17 that would travel aboard field trip ships from island to island
18 making political education presentations and answering questions
19 is under consideration.

20 The High Commissioner stressed that in all respects the