

(STATUS TALKS UPDATED)

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 21 (VNS)---THERE WERE FAST MOVING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SEVENTH ROUND IN MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY, WASHINGTON TIME. AND BY THE END OF THE DAY, IT WAS NOT DEFINITE WHETHER THE TALKS WOULD CONTINUE BEYOND WEDNESDAY OR NOT. THE PROBLEM, SIMPLY STATED, IS MONEY. WHAT THE MICRONESIAN JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WANTS, AND WHAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF ANNUAL SUPPORT TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA, ARE FAR APART.

ALTHOUGH THE GAP BETWEEN THE FIGURES IS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN IT WAS ON FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK, IT IS STILL VERY LARGE. THE UNITED STATES OFFER IS REPORTEDLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT LESS THAN THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION IS SEEKING. A JOINT PLENARY SESSION, THE SECOND IN THE TALKS SO FAR, HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, WASHINGTON TIME. BOTH SIDES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE FORMAL STATEMENTS TO MAKE AT THAT TIME, BUT THERE IS ALSO A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE HELD. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE OUTCOME OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION HEAD LAZARUS SALII AND HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

AT THAT MEETING, THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO OFFER TWO ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS UNDER WHICH THE TALKS COULD PROCEED WITHOUT FULL AGREEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL QUESTION. WHETHER EITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES WILL PROVE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. SIDE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS WERE NOT MADE PUBLIC. BRIEFLY, WHAT DEVELOPED TUESDAY WAS A VIRTUAL IMPASSE ON THE FINANCIAL ISSUE. ALTHOUGH THE TWO SIDES HAVE REACHED SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENTS ON MOST OF THE LANGUAGE ON THE FINANCIAL TITLE IN THE DRAFT COMPACT, THEY REMAIN FAR APART ON THEIR FIGURES.

THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED ON TO OTHER PORTIONS OF THE COMPACT, SUCH AS TERMINATION, IMMIGRATION, TRANSITION, TRADE AND COMMERCE. BUT THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT SUCH NEGOTIATING WOULD BE AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT ON THE MONEY QUESTION. THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE AN OFFER BASED ON AN ESTIMATE OF THE NEEDS OF A MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT OF FIVE DISTRICTS AFTER TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WHICH IT CONSIDERS FAIR AND EQUITABLE. INDEED, THE U.S. OFFER IS SAID TO BE FAR ABOVE ANYTHING RECEIVED BY THE PEOPLE OF ANY OTHER TRUST TERRITORY WHEN THEIR TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENTS WERE TERMINATED.

ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THE U.S. OFFER IS SAID TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 40 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. WITH THE UNITED STATES AGREEING IN PRINCIPLE TO THE IDEA OF COMMITTING ITSELF TO A SPECIFIC SUPPORT LEVEL FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF YEARS, THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION HAS REPORTEDLY MODIFIED ITS ORIGINAL REQUEST WHICH WAS IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TO ABOUT EIGHTY MILLION DOLLARS. REMAIN FAR APART ON THEIR FIGURES.

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MORE THAN THE GAP IN FIGURES HOWEVER, THERE IS AN APPARENT DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY THE TWO SIDES ARE APPROACHING THE QUESTION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THE U.S. HAS LOOKED AT THE QUESTION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF WHAT MICRONESIA'S FUTURE NEEDS ARE LIKELY TO BE, WHILE THE MICRONESIAN VIEW HAS BEEN MORE ONE OF HOW MUCH IS MICRONESIA WORTH TO THE UNITED STATES. THERE HAS BEEN SOME MODIFICATION OF BOTH THESE APPROACHES, BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES IN CONCEPTUALIZATION OF THE PROBLEM REMAINING.

ALSO A DIFFICULTY, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT MAJOR, IS THE FACT THAT THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION CONTINUES TO NEGOTIATE OFFICIALLY IN TERMS OF ALL SIX DISTRICTS WHILE THE UNITED STATES POSITION, WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE TWO MARIANAS MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, IS THAT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS RELATE ONLY TO THE FUTURE STATUS OF FIVE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S SIX DISTRICTS WITH THE MARIANAS BEING THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE SET OF NEGOTIATIONS.

SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS WILL POSSIBLY BE RESOLVED ON WEDNESDAY HERE IN WASHINGTON. AT LEAST THE QUESTIONS OF WHETHER THESE TALKS ARE TO CONTINUE WILL BE SETTLED. AND THE NEGOTIATORS WILL KNOW WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO RETURN TO THE BARGAINING TABLE AFTER THE THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY OR NOT.
(U.S. GROUP RESEARCH ON MICRONESIA)

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 21 (WNS)---EVEN AS NEGOTIATORS WRESTLED THIS MONTH WITH THE PROBLEM OF MICRONESIA'S FUTURE STATUS, A PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION HERE IN WASHINGTON IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A LONG TERM STUDY OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD MICRONESIA. THE STUDY IS SPONSORED BY THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE, A PRIVATELY FUNDED AFFILIATE AT THE HUGE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION. SINCE THIS PAST SUMMER A TEAM OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS HAS BEEN WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DON MCHENRY, A FORMER UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN A STUDY OF AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY AS IT RELATES TO THE MICRONESIAN SITUATION. THE TEAM EXPECTS TO PRODUCE A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS BY NEXT JUNE. IT COULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT.

THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE IS SIMILAR IN ITS APPROACH TO THE BETTER-KNOWN BROOKINGS INSTITUTE, AND OTHER SO-CALLED THINK TANKS THAT UNDERTAKE INDEPTH STUDIES OF AMERICAN PROBLEM AREAS. THE ENDOWMENT IS SMALLER HOWEVER, AND ACCORDING TO MCHENRY, "WE TAKE ON THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT THE BIG THINK

IN CHOOSING MICRONESIA AS AN AREA FOR STUDY, MCHENRY FEELS HE HAS FOUND AN AREA THAT WILL BE OF ON GOING SIGNIFICANCE FOR SEVERAL MORE YEARS. "IN THE PAST MOST OF OUR STUDIES HAVE LOOKED BACKWARD," HE EXPLAINS, "MICRONESIA IS THE FIRST ONE WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO LOOK FORWARD. IT HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED. IT IS A PROBLEM WHICH IS GOING TO TAKE THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE U.S. EXECUTIVE BRANCH MANY YEARS TO RESOLVE. IN ADDITION, MICRONESIA OVERLAPS A WHOLE SERIES OF FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, RELATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE U.S. ROLE IN THE FAR EAST, ETC. IT IS A TIMELY QUESTION. IT PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PREPARED A VOLUME OF INFORMATION WHICH THE PARTIES CONCERNED CAN USE AS THEY FACE DECISIONS IN THIS AREA."

TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY, MCHENRY HAS PUT TOGETHER A TEAM OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EXCELLENT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS, BUT WITH

NO BACKGROUND WHATSOEVER IN MICRONESIA. THIS, HE SAYS, WAS INTENTIONAL. "WE DELIBERATELY EXCLUDED PEOPLE WHO HAD ANY DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN MICRONESIA. WE WANTED PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT FORMED ANY OPINIONS ABOUT MICRONESIA." THE STUDY APPROACH IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY THE RALPH NADER ORGANIZATION. "WE'RE TRYING TO SEE IF WE CAN DO THE SAME KIND OF THING IN FOREIGN POLICY, THAT RALPH NADER HAS DONE IN DOMESTIC POLICY." MCHENRY SAYS.

ALL OF THE STUDIES DONE BY THE ENDOWMENT ARE DONE BY STUDENTS BUT ALWAYS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A PROJECT DIRECTOR WHO HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT. MCHENRY SPENT EIGHT YEARS WITH THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT AND TWO YEARS WITH THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTE PRIOR TO JOINING CARNESIE. WHILE WITH STATE, HE WAS THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY, WORKED ON DEPENDENT AREAS AFFAIRS INCLUDING MICRONESIA, AND WAS DEPUTY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL FOR A TIME, WORKING EXTENSIVELY WITH THE MICRONESIAN QUESTION. HE HAS ASSIGNED A PARTICULAR AREA OF THE STUDY TO EACH OF HIS STUDENT WORKERS.

ROBERT LACKS, A RECENT MASTERS DEGREE GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MICRONESIA REALLY IS MILITARILY IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES. PAUL KAPLAN, AN HONOR GRADUATE OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY, IS DOING THE HISTORICAL WORK PLACING THE STUDY ON AMERICA'S POLICY TOWARD MICRONESIA IN ITS PROPER HISTORICAL CONTEXT. SUSAN HILLIS, OF OREGON'S REED COLLEGE IS WORKING IN THE AREA OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE COLLEGE IN MASSACHUSETTS, CONCENTRATES ON THE U.S. CONGRESS AND ITS ROLE IN MICRONESIA POLICY. AND MARK LESKOWITZ, THE ONLY UNDER GRADUATE IN THE GROUP, A JUNIOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURG, UNDERTAKES SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AT THE DIRECTION OF MCHENRY.

MCHENRY'S SECRETARY, CAROL RITTER, IS ALSO WORKING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE RESEARCH. IN ADDITION, TWO STUDENTS WHO WORKED WITH THE PROGRAM THIS PAST SUMMER DOING MUCH OF THE BASIC INITIAL RESEARCH WERE KRIS HALL A UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LAW STUDENT, AND CINDY HARMON, A SENIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

WHAT SORT OF DOCUMENT WILL THE FINAL REPORT BE? MCHENRY IS HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL BE EDUCATIONAL. HE WARNS HOWEVER THAT NOT ALL PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH AMERICA'S POLICY TOWARD MICRONESIA WILL AGREE WITH IT IN ALL RESPECTS.

THE STUDY IS UNDERTAKEN WITH NO PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS, ACCORDING TO MCHENRY. HE POINTS OUT THAT A DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS, FORMED THROUGH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW, WILL MEET PERIODICALLY BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT JUNE TO REVIEW THE ON GOING PROGRESS OF THE STUDY AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS. THEIR FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT MONTH.

"WE MAY NOT ACCEPT ALL OF THEIR SUGGESTIONS," HE SAYS, "BUT WE ARE TRYING TO AVOID SOME POTENTIAL PROBLEMS BY VENTING THE STUDY AS WE GO ALONG. WHAT WE WANT IS THE BENEFIT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE AND PERSPECTIVE AS WE GET INTO THE ACTUAL PREPARATION OF THE REPORT." THE PANEL INCLUDED SUCH PEOPLE AS PAUL WARNKE, AN ATTORNEY AND ADVISOR TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, AND RUTH VAN CLEEVE, FORMER INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF TERRITORIES HEAD. ANYONE INTERESTED IN MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS. MCHENRY PLANS TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE TRUST TERRITORY IN JANUARY TO GATHER

BACKGROUND MATERIALS BUT MOST OF THE RESEARCH AND WORK IS TO BE DONE IN WASHINGTON. COPIES OF THE STUDY WILL BE PRINTED AND MADE AVAILABLE AFTER JUNE 1974.

(BORJA RETURNS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 21 (MNS)---(CONGRESS RELEASE---SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA OF THE MARIANAS HAS RETURNED TO SAIPAN FROM A TRIP THAT TOOK HIM TO SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

SENATOR BORJA WHO HEADED THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION TO THE INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTH PACIFIC LABOR MINISTERS HELD IN AUSTRALIA DURING THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER SAID THE MEETING COVERED THREE IMPORTANT AREAS: INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MARITIME INDUSTRY; ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF LABOR DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING WAYS OF SOLICITING COOPERATION; AND, EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PROMOTION, ACTIVITIES, TRAINING AND MANPOWER. THE TT DELEGATION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION-SPONSORED CONFERENCE WAS COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMNICK OF THE MARSHALLS AND EUSEPIO RECHUCHER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD TO ENABLE TOP-POLICY MAKERS FROM THIRTEEN PARTICIPATING PACIFIC COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON LABOR AND RELATED MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. ACCORDING TO

BORJA. HE CONTINUED THAT IT ALSO PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO SEEK COMMON APPROACHES TO LABOR PROBLEMS BY SOLICITING COOPERATION FROM LABOR DEPARTMENTS; AND BY ENLISTING SUPPORT FROM INTERESTED AGENCIES WHO WISH TO SHARE IDEAS RELATIVE TO LABOR PROBLEMS IN THE PACIFIC REGION.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR STATED THAT ALL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES FEEL THAT THEY MUST POOL MANPOWER RESOURCES TOGETHER BEFORE ANY BIG INDUSTRIAL UNION COULD COME IN. IN THIS RESPECT A SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT A CENTRAL AGENCY BE ORGANIZED AND COORDINATE MANPOWER INFORMATION AMONG PACIFIC COUNTRIES. THIS WILL ENABLE ANY COUNTRY IN THE PACIFIC BASIN TO WRITE FOR INFORMATION ON CERTAIN LABOR SKILLS THAT THAT COUNTRY MAY NEED.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SENATOR REMINISCED OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AND OF AUSTRALIA'S TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT SINCE HE WAS THERE TWENTY YEARS AGO STUDYING UNDER A UNITED NATIONS SCHOLARSHIP. HE SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO SINGLE-OUT ANY OF THE BUILDINGS HE USED TO KNOW NOR THE DORMITORY HE USED TO STAY IN WHILE HE WAS A STUDENT THERE.

DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER, SENATOR BORJA FLEW TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD ON THE CONTROVERSIAL SAIPAN/TOKYO ROUTE. HE SAID HE ALSO MET WITH INTERIOR AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO SEE IF TT CITIZENS COULD ENTER HONG KONG LIKE U.S. CITIZENS WITHOUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH THE LONG PROCESS OF WAITING FOR PASSPORTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS BEFORE THEY CAN TRAVEL TO THAT COUNTRY.

SENATOR BORJA ALSO STATED THAT HE AND SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHIEF REKLAI OF PALAU AND ATTORNEY BILL NABORS MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS REGARDING THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT OF 1971. HE SAID THEY WERE SEEKING FOR INCORPORATION IN THE 1971 ACT, OF A PROVISION WHICH WILL ENABLE A CLAIMANT TO APPEAL A REWARD GIVEN TO HIM OR HER BY GOING TO THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM IF HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE AMOUNT GRANTED HIM BY THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION.

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HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT A NEW PROVISION IS INCLUDED IN THE 1971 ACT WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR ALSO MET WITH OEO DIRECTOR ALVIN J. ARNETT AND URGED THAT HE (ARNETT) OVERRIDE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VETO OF MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES (MLSC) BUDGET. HE SAID SINCE MLSC CAME TO THE TT, MORE MICRONESIANS HAVE RECEIVED BETTER LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND THAT THE CONTINUATION OF MLSC IS IMPERATIVE. HE SAID HE IS AWARE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO EXPAND THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE BUT STILL FEELS THAT SUCH A PLAN WOULD BE INADEQUATE.

(NEW DENTIST APPOINTED IN TT)

SAIPAN, NOV. 21 (MNS)---DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, DIRECTOR OF

HEALTH SERVICES, ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. ROBERT SHELLWORTH TO PALAU DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. HIS PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DENTAL NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM AT MOC.

DR. SHELLWORTH ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AS A PRE-DENTAL STUDENT FOR THREE YEARS. HE RECEIVED HIS DENTAL TRAINING AT THE SAME UNIVERSITY AND GRADUATED IN 1972 WITH A DDS DEGREE.

PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, DR. SHELLWORTH SPENT ONE YEAR IN CANADA AS A PUBLIC HEALTH EXTERN. DURING HIS WORK IN CANADA, HE TRAVELLED WIDELY AND PROVIDED DENTAL SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE WERE NO DENTAL FACILITIES.

DR. SHELLWORTH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE WHO IS A MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST. BOTH DR. AND MRS. SHELLWORTH ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING IN PALAU.

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