

(TENORIO MOTION DISMISSED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---THE SAIPAN SURVEYING FIRM OF JUAN C. TENORIO & ASSOCIATES, INC., HAD THEIR MOTION TO ENJOIN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FROM HIRING OTHER SURVEYORS DISMISSED FRIDAY (JUNE 21). 1974

THE TENORIO MOTION SOUGHT TO PREVENT THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FROM COMPLETING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TWO OTHER FIRMS FOR SURVEYING MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS. THE SAIPAN COMPANY HAD INSISTED THAT THE OTHER FIRMS WHICH WERE AWARDED BIDS DID NOT HAVE TT REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS ON THEIR STAFFS, AS TITLE 31 OF THE TT CODE DEMANDS. 11

TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT SAID IN HIS DISMISSAL ORDER THAT "PLAINTIFFS (TENORIO) WERE UNABLE TO PRESENT INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE THAT OTHER COMPANIES WHO HAD SUBMITTED PROPOSALS WERE NOT LICENSED, OR DID NOT HAVE EMPLOYEES LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 31."

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION SAID THAT WHILE THEY DID NOT CONSIDER LICENSING A PREREQUISITE FOR BIDDING, A COMPANY WAS EXPECTED TO HAVE LICENSED SURVEYORS BY THE TIME THEIR CONTRACT BEGAN.

TENORIO ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION LED THEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE BID AND FAMILIARITY WITH LOCAL CUSTOMS WOULD BE THE PRIMARY FACTORS IN DETERMINING CONTRACT AWARDS.

JUSTICE BURNETT FOUND NO GROUNDS FOR THIS ALLEGATION. "I CANNOT ACCEPT PLAINTIFF'S VIEW THAT THESE WERE TO BE EITHER THE SOLE, OR DETERMINING FACTORS IN SELECTION," HE SAID.

BURNETT REFERRED TO THE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN A LETTER FROM KOZO YAMADA, CHIEF OF LANDS AND SURVEYS, TO COMPANIES INVITING THEM TO SUBMIT BIDS: A CONTRACTOR WOULD BE SELECTED "BASED ON TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION, EXPERIENCE, ORGANIZATION, AVAILABILITY AND REPUTATION."

THE CHIEF JUSTICE ALSO FOUND NO WRONGDOING INVOLVED IN THE SELECTING OF ASIA MAPPING, INC., AND HAWAII ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, INC., AS THE CONTRACTORS TO SURVEY MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS.

THE ORDER TO DISMISS THE CASE CAME ON A MOTION BY THE TRUST TERRITORY TO DROP THE TENORIO MOTION ON GROUNDS THAT NONE OF THE CHARGES HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

(MARSHALLS AGING PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---THE TERRITORIAL OFFICE ON AGING HAS AWARDED A \$45,700 FEDERAL GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER FOR THE ELDERLY IN MAJURO ATOLL AND EBEBE ISLAND, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THE ONE YEAR PROGRAM WILL ENABLE THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO OFFER A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HANDICRAFT DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS. IF THE PROGRAM PROVES TO BE SUCCESSFUL IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE OTHER PRINCIPLE ATOLLS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAM RESULTS FROM A FEDERAL GRANT THROUGH THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE REGIONAL OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO UNDER TITLE 3 OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARSHALLS ELDERLY PROGRAM IS MAAS HONE, WORKING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TONY DEBRUM, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. 6-239

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SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---SPECIAL THANKS WERE EXTENDED TO

