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(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
 (CONGRESSMEN URGED INVESTIGATION OF CONTRACT AWARD)
 SAIPAN, JUNE 26 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS CONGRESSMEN
 FELIPE O. ATALIG AND PEDRO P. TENORIO HAVE SENT DISPATCHES TO
 SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.A.B. MORTON REQUESTING FOR AN
 IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF A TRUST TERRITORY CONTRACT AWARDED
 TO NON-MICRONESIAN COMPANIES FOR ATT-WIDE SURVEY OF MICRONESIAN
 PUBLIC LANDS.

THE CONGRESSMEN'S REACTION CAME FOLLOWING THE DISMISSAL
 OF THE CASE LAST WEEK ON SAIPAN BY THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT
 ON GROUNDS THAT NONE OF THE CHARGES FILED BY A SAIPAN SURVEYING
 FIRM OF JUAN C. TENORIO AND ASSOCIATES, INC. HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.
 THE PLAINTIFFS (TENORIO) HAD SOUGHT TO ENJOIN THE TT GOVERNMENT
 FROM HIRING OTHER SURVEYORS.

ATALIG' DISPATCH REQUESTS THE SECRETARY IF THE INTERIOR
 TO INVESTIGATE THE HEADQUARTERS LANDS AND SURVEYS CONTRACT
 AWARDS TO ASIA MAPPING, INC., AND HAWAII ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
 OVER A MICRONESIAN COMPANY WHICH ALSO SUBMITTED ITS APPLICATION
 FOR THE BID. HE SAID HE FEELS THE ACTION TAKEN BY LANDS AND
 SURVEYS IS UNWARRANTED AND THAT THE LOCAL FIRM SHOULD
 RECEIVE PREFERENCE.

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CONGRESSMAN ATALIG'S STATEMENT WAS SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE TENORIO IN A DISPATCH TO SECRETARY MORTON AND ADDED THAT A MICRONESIAN COMPANY OFFERED THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID WHICH WOULD HAVE SAVED THE GOVERNMENT SOME \$400,000 IF AWARDED. HE URGED THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO INVESTIGATE THE PROPRIETY OF THE DECISION WHICH DENIED THE CONTRACT TO A FINANCIALLY CAPABLE MICRONESIAN COMPANY.

THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO ASIA MAPPING INC., AND HAWAII ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS INC., BY THE IT GOVERNMENT "BASED ON TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION, EXPERIENCE, ORGANIZATION, AVAILABILITY AND REPUTATION." THE GOVERNMENT REJECTED THE TENORIO SURVEYING FIRM, THE ONLY MICRONESIAN COMPANY WHICH SUBMITTED ITS APPLICATION FOR THE BID.

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