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(SURVEY TEAM IN PALAU)

PALAU, AUGUST 20 (MNS) ⁷⁴ AT THE INVITATION OF THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, A 12-MAN UNITED STATES LAND SURVEY TEAM ARRIVED IN KOROR MONDAY (AUG. 19) TO SURVEY SITES FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE BY THE U.S. MILITARY.

THE TEAM IS HEADED BY NAVY REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR., AND IS COMPOSED OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE OFFICE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

THE SURVEY TEAM WILL LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE SITES ON BABELTHUAP AND KOROR ISLANDS, AND DECIDE UPON FEASIBILITY OF THEIR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE BY THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES. IN A MAY 2, 1974 RESOLUTION, THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE REQUESTED A VISIT BY U.S. EXPERTS TO INDICATE THE EXACT LOCATION OF LAND AREAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE MILITARY USE BY THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE TERMS OF ANNEX "B" OF THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION.

THE SURVEY IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

(BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 20 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS APPROVED THE RENEWAL APPLICATION OF BLACK MICRO CORPORATION FOR A FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THE DIVISION ALSO RECEIVED FOUR NEW APPLICATIONS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

BLACK MICRO'S APPROVAL FOR A RENEWAL OF THEIR PERMIT PERTAINS TO THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT. THE FIRM IS AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN GENERAL CONTRACTING, ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL, PAINTING, PLUMBING, AND SUB-CONTRACTING, INCLUDING QUARRY OPERATIONS. THE PERMIT IS PERPETUAL. VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPANY IS JOSE I. AMAGSILA OF SAIPAN. THE FIRM IS AFFILIATED WITH BLACK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION OF GUAM, AND SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY IS FORMER TT HIGH COMMISSIONER WILLIAM R. NORWOOD.

APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING FOUR COMPANIES: INTER-ISLAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, TO ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT; SAIPAN REALTY COMPANY, TO ENGAGE IN REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT, SALES, LEASES, AND DEVELOPMENT; SAIPAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, TO ENGAGE IN MORTGAGING REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF LENDING MONEY THEREON AND RETAINING A SECURED INTEREST THEREIN; AND FIRST SAIPAN TITLE INSURANCE AND ESCROW COMPANY, TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF EXAMINING, CERTIFYING AND GUARANTEEING TITLE TO REAL ESTATE, ISSUE POLICIES OF TITLE INSURANCE, MAKE ABSTRACTS OF PUBLIC RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND FILES, TO ACT AS ESCROW AGENTS FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS OF REAL PROPERTY, AND OTHER RELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

ALL FOUR OF THESE COMPANIES ARE INTER-RELATED, AND ALL HAVE THE SAME INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS CORPORATE OFFICERS, ALTHOUGH NOT WITH THE SAME TITLES IN EACH CASE. CLAUD A. FRITZEN OF GUAM IS PRESIDENT OF SAIPAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, FIRST SAIPAN TITLE INSURANCE AND ESCROW COMPANY AND INTER-ISLAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WITH HENRY S. PANGELINAN OF SAIPAN, A TT CITIZEN, LISTED AS SECRETARY. PANGELINAN IS IN TURN LISTED AS PRESIDENT OF SAIPAN REALTY COMPANY, WITH FRITZEN LISTED AS SECRETARY. THEIR LOCAL ATTORNEY IS JAMES E. WHITE.

THE FOUR APPLICATIONS RELATE ONLY TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS

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DISTRICT, AND HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(BORJA CONCERNED ABOUT GOLDSMITH)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 20 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA HAS WRITTEN IT ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO CONCERNING THOMAS R. GOLDSMITH, WHO ALLEGEDLY FLED FROM SAIPAN AUGUST 9 IN FACE OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT. THE COMPLAINT, FILED ON BEHALF OF CRISPIN I. GUERRERO, CHARGED THAT GOLDSMITH UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED MONEY BY FALSE PRETENSES FROM LOCAL INVESTORS BY PURPORTING TO SELL INTERESTS IN A LOCAL COMPANY.

IN HIS LETTER DATED AUGUST 16, BORJA SAID HE FOUND IT "DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE" THAT GOLDSMITH HAD BEEN ON SAIPAN FOR FIVE YEARS WITHOUT COMING UNDER "THE SCRUTINY" OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS DID NOT REALIZE GOLDSMITH "HAD NO VALID REASON" TO REMAIN ON SAIPAN SINCE HIS ORIGINAL BUSINESS PROPOSAL OF FIVE YEARS AGO UNDER A COMPANY CALLED MICRONESIAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.

"MR. GOLDSMITH, IF THAT IS INDEED HIS NAME," BORJA WROTE, "HAS APPARENTLY 'FLEECE' A NUMBER OF MICRONESIANS AND AMERICANS, AND HAS ALSO APPARENTLY SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIONS, UNDER THE VERY NOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION."

THE MARIANAS SENATOR INFORMED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW "IN WHAT MANNER" GOLDSMITH HAS COMPLIED OR FAILED TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT STATUTES, INCLUDING THOSE PERTAINING TO ENTRY AND RESIDENCE OF NON-MICRONESIANS, AND AS TO WHAT STEPS THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW TAKING "TO SEE THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE BILKED BY GOLDSMITH" ARE PROTECTED BY THE LAW.

GOLDSMITH, WHO ARRIVED ON SAIPAN IN 1969, WAS RECENTLY INVOLVED WITH A COMPANY CALLED ISLAND ELECTRONICS, A COMPANY ENGAGED IN IMPORTING, SERVICING AND LEASING SLOT MACHINES.

GOLDSMITH ALLEGEDLY SOLICITED INVESTMENTS FOR THE COMPANY FROM NUMEROUS AMERICANS AND MICRONESIANS IN THE TERRITORY, AND WAS INCORPORATING ANOTHER COMPANY, PACIFIC CONTINENTAL, WHICH WAS TO HAVE TAKEN OVER THE SLOT MACHINE ENTERPRISES.

AFTER GOLDSMITH'S DEPARTURE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REVOKED THE BUSINESS PERMIT FOR MICRONESIAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF THE LICENSE. MMC WAS TO HAVE MANUFACTURED PIPES AND TUBING ON TINIAN, BUT THESE PLANS DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

(PIX OF CONGRESS WANTED)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 20 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION IS INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE COLOR PICTURES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OR ANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

THE CONGRESS WILL MARK ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN 1975, AND THE DIVISION IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO INCLUDE PICTURES OF THE CONGRESS IN THE 1975 TRUST TERRITORY CALENDAR, AS WELL AS IN A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE "MICRONESIAN REPORTER." UNFORTUNATELY, MOST OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DURING CONGRESS SESSIONS HAVE BEEN BLACK AND WHITE.

BOTH COLOR TRANSPARENCIES (SLIDES) AND COLOR PRINTS
COULD BE USED, BUT TRANSPARENCIES ARE PREFERRED. THE DIVISION
WILL MAKE A SELECTION FROM THOSE WHICH ARE RECEIVED, AND THE
PHOTOGRAPHER WILL RECEIVE CREDIT IN THE PUBLICATION OR CALENDAR
FOR HIS PICTURES.

ANYONE HAVING COLOR PICTURES OF THE CONGRESS IN SESSION,
OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT,
AT WORK IN EITHER THEIR HOME DISTRICTS OR DURING A SESSION, OR
OF OTHER CONGRESS-RELATED ACTIVITIES IS ASKED TO SEND THE
PICTURES TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS
ON SAIPAN, OR TO CONTACT THE DIVISION SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE
MADE TO REVIEW THE PICTURES.

ALL SLIDES AND PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH ARE RECEIVED WILL BE
HANDLED WITH CARE, AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS.
EACH SLIDE OR PHOTO SHOULD BE MARKED WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS
OF THE OWNER. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO INSURE AGAINST LOSS.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: IN THE FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH, IN THE STORY SLUGGED "WILSON
DEPARTS," THE FULL NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS PETER T. WILSON.
THE NAME WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF THE STORY AS SENT.)