

(COLEMAN ATTENDS JAPAN CEREMONY)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 22 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN RETURNED TO SAIPAN THIS WEEK FOLLOWING A VISIT TO JAPAN WHERE HE ATTENDED A NATIONAL CEREMONY FOR WAR DEAD IN TOKYO.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD ON THURSDAY (AUG. 15). COLEMAN SAID THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY SINCE IT WAS STARTED IN 1952. HE SAID THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS WERE THERE, ALONG WITH PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE DIET AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BEREAVED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION.

"THE REASON FOR THE INVITATION WAS AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN THE PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN UNDERWAY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS COLLECTING BONES OF JAPANESE WAR DEAD," COLEMAN SAID.

THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER MADE COURTESY CALLS ON THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. HE ALSO MADE A SPECIAL VISIT TO THE IMPERIAL PALACE AND PLACED FLOWERS AT THE SHRINE OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN TOKYO.

AT EXACTLY 12:00 NOON DURING THE CEREMONY, A BELL RANG FOR ONE MINUTE AND A SILENT PRAYER THROUGHOUT JAPAN WAS OFFERED. "IT WAS A VERY MOVING AND DIGNIFIED CEREMONY FOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY," COLEMAN SAID.

COLEMAN ALSO MET WITH OFFICIALS WHO HAD BEEN WORKING ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY. HE ATTENDED THE CEREMONY AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUREAU IN CHARGE OF THE COLLECTION BONES IN MICRONESIA.

(MORTON TALKS TO EMPLOYEES)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 22 (MNS)---SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C. B. MORTON SPOKE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. LAST WEEK, FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD NIXON AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SWEARING-IN OF GERALD FORD AS HIS SUCCESSOR. HERE IS PART OF WHAT SECRETARY MORTON SAID:

"I FEEL A DEEP COMPASSION FOR PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS FAMILY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE UNFOLDED. I ALSO CANNOT HELP BUT EXPRESS MY REAL GRATITUDE TO HIM FOR OFFERING ME THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF SERVING IN HIS CABINET....

"I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REAFFIRM THE GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT I HAVE IN THE SECRETARIATE OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND ALL THE PEOPLE IN ITS BUREAUS. WE ARE ENTERING A VERY HISTORIC TRANSITION PERIOD IN UNITED STATES HISTORY. THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE (IN THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT) IS INFILTRATED, IF YOU WILL, WITH A GREAT SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM--THE TECHNICIANS AS WELL AS THE ADMINISTRATORS, ALL EXPERIENCED AND DEDICATED TO THE GREAT MISSIONS OF THIS DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NO EXCUSE AS A GREAT GOVERNMENT AGENCY NOT TO PERFORM IN SUPERB FASHION AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO A NEW PERIOD IN OUR WORK....

"THE MISSIONS OF THE BUREAUS OF THIS DEPARTMENT STRETCH OUT INTO THE FUTURE AND HAVE A GREAT FOUNDATION FROM THE PAST. I THINK OUR MISSION FOR THE FUTURE PERHAPS IS MORE DELICATE, MORE DIFFICULT, AND WILL REQUIRE MORE ENERGY AND MORE THOUGHT THAN WE HAVE HAD TO MUSTER IN THE PAST....

"WE ARE GOING FORWARD TOGETHER IN GREAT CONFIDENCE--CONFIDENCE THAT WE CAN SERVE WELL IN THE STRUGGLE TO BRING MANKIND TO A PLATEAU OF HIGHER ORDER, SERVE IN THE STRUGGLE OF MAKING BETTER THE WORKS OF MAN WITH THE REST OF NATURE WITH WHICH WE SHARE THE CRUST OF THIS PLANET. WE SHALL

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GO FORWARD TO BRING NEW INSPIRATION TO THE PEOPLE TO WHOM WE MINISTER--THE PEOPLE OF THE FAR-FLUNG TERRITORIES OF THE PACIFIC AND THE PEOPLE ACROSS THIS LAND WHO ARE THE ORIGINAL AMERICANS. I DO NOT USE THE WORD 'MINISTER' IN A CUSTODIAN SENSE, BUT RATHER IN THE SENSE OF HIGHEST CONCERN FOR THEIR WELFARE. LET US TURN THEIR FACES WITH OURS, FORWARD, SO THAT WE MAY BROADEN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL, AND MAY MOTIVATE GREATER PRODUCTIVENESS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL FELLOW MEN."

SECRETARY MORTON HAS BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD TO CONTINUE SERVING AS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. AND HE HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL DO SO. THE SECRETARY IS ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE NEW PRESIDENT TO SMOOTH THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION FROM THE NIXON TO THE FORD ADMINISTRATION. A FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN AND REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIAL, SECRETARY MORTON HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PRESIDENT FORD FOR MANY YEARS, AND NEWS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON HAVE DESCRIBED HIM AS ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSEST ADVISORS.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(ATALIG WRITES AG)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 22 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE Q. ATALIG HAS WRITTEN TO TT ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO CONCERNING A FORMER AMERICAN RESIDENT OF SAIPAN, THOMAS R. GOLDSMITH, WHO LEFT THE ISLAND RECENTLY TO AVOID POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT, FILED ON BEHALF OF CRISPIN I. GUERRERO OF ISLAND ELECTRONICS, A COMPANY ENGAGED IN THE SLOT MACHINE BUSINESS, CHARGED THAT GOLDSMITH UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES FROM LOCAL INVESTORS BY PURPORTING TO SELL INVESTMENTS IN THE COMPANY.

ATALIG'S LETTER, DATED AUGUST 21, ASKED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IF EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO LOCATE GOLDSMITH, AND WHETHER OR NOT HE CAN BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE TRUST TERRITORY TO ANSWER CHARGES BEFORE THE TT HIGH COURT.

THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN ALSO SAID HE WAS "EXTREMELY CONCERNED" OVER WHAT HE SAID APPEARED TO BE "CONNECTIONS" BETWEEN GOLDSMITH AND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO REPORTEDLY INVESTED IN GOLDSMITH'S OPERATIONS. ATALIG SAID THE POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD A "VESTED INTEREST" IN SEEING THAT GOLDSMITH WAS PERMITTED TO CONDUCT HIS QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES AND THAT BECAUSE OF THIS, NO INVESTIGATION BY THE GOVERNMENT EVER TOOK PLACE. ATALIG ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES SOME TIME AGO.

SUCH AN INVESTIGATION, HE SAID, "WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN EMBARRASSMENT AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION."

"IN LIGHT OF THIS FACT," ATALIG WROTE, "I WANT TO KNOW WHY NO IMMEDIATE ACTION WAS TAKEN THEN, AND WHY GOLDSMITH WAS ALLOWED BY DEFAULT TO CONTINUE SOLICITING FUNDS, LOANS, INVESTMENTS, OR WHATEVER, AT THE UNFORTUNATE EXPENSE OF LOCAL CITIZENS."

GOLDSMITH, WHO HAD LIVED ON SAIPAN FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TO SET UP A COMPANY CALLED MICRONESIAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY WHICH WAS TO HAVE PRODUCED PIPES AND TUBING. HOWEVER, THOSE PLANS DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

HE WAS MOST RECENTLY INVOLVED WITH ISLAND ELECTRONICS, WHICH DEALS WITH SLOT MACHINES, AND WAS REPORTEDLY IN THE PROCESS OF INCORPORATING ANOTHER COMPANY, PACIFIC CONTINENTAL, TO TAKE OVER THE ENTERPRISE. 198