

(ISLEY FIELD MEETING)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 13 (HNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION WAYNE C. THIESSEN SAID FRIDAY (JAN 13) THAT ANOTHER STEP TOWARD OBTAINING A FIRST CLASS PERMANENT AIR TERMINAL FOR SAIPAN'S NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT ISLEY FIELD-WAS DISCUSSED IN A MEETING HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR IN HONOLULU.

THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS INCLUDING ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD MIYAMOTO; MARIANAS ISLANDS DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR DAN AKIMOTO; BUDGET OFFICER OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADDISON MARROW; HEADQUARTERS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT MANAGER CHARLES WRIGHT; AND BOB WEILBACHER

FROM HEADQUARTERS TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN OF THE MARIANAS ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO A REPORT ON KJOR RADIO.

AT THE HONOLULU MEETING, THE TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS WERE MET BY LEIGH FISHER, WHO HAS BEEN RETAINED AS AIRPORT CONSULTANT BY THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT; OFFICIALS OF THE PARSONS COMPANY OF HAWAII WHICH HAS THE DESIGN CONTRACT FOR ISLEY AIRPORT; VICE-PRESIDENT OF CONTINENTAL AIRLINE ROCKY STONE; CLIFF ARGUE, CHAIRMAN OF THE AIRLINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE AIRPORT; BARRIE DUGGAN OF AIR MICRONESIA AND OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY.

THIESSEN NOTED AT THE MEETING THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS FELT THE CREATION OF A "TEMPORARY TYPE OF TERMINAL" WOULD BE HIGHLY UNDERSIRABLE AND REGRESSIVE FOR THE OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF TOURISM. HE RECALLED THAT THE MEETING CONCENTRATED ON VITAL AREAS OF FINANCING THE STRUCTURE, OBTAINING NECESSARY LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS DUTY-FREE LEGISLATION NEEDED TO OBTAIN A LARGE SUM OF MONEY FOR BOTH CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES, PREPARING PRIME CONCESSION BID DOCUMENTS AND ORGANIZING AND STRUCTURING AN OVERALL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND OTHER MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

THIESSEN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN AS PRIME OWNER AND MANAGER OF THE AIRPORT THROUGHOUT, HOWEVER, CONSTRUCTION COSTS WILL INVOLVE JOINT FINANCING BY THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE TENANT AIRLINES INVOLVED AND CONCESSIONAIRES. DEPUTY DISTAD OF THE MARIANAS ADIMOTO CAUTIONED THAT THIS MEETING WAS "NOT THE FINAL WORD IN THIS VERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAGE AND THAT MUCH MORE WORK WILL BE REQUIRED." HE ADDED THAT THE MEETING DID CLARIFY AREAS OF AGREEMENTS AND AREAS WHERE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING ARE NECESSARY.

AKIMOTO STATED THAT THE ENTIRE PROJECT OF THE ISLEY FIELD TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION IS BEING GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND URGENCY AS THE AIRFIELD PROPER IS ALREADY UNDER CONTRUCTION WITH AN ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE OF APRIL 1975. "ALSO IT IS FELT BY ALL CONCERNED THAT IT IS VITAL THAT THE TERMINAL COMPLEX BE COMPLETED TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE POSSIBLE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE AIRFIELD PROPER SO AS NOT TO LOSE THE FULL BENEFIT OF A MAJOR GRAND OPENING OF THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT," CONCLUDED AKIMOTO IN A MARIANAS VARIETY STATEMENT. (TT ED OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 13 (HNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUII ANNOUNCED FRIDAY (JAN 13) THAT A SPECIAL MEETING BETWEEN EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY AND EDUCATORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

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THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JANUARY 28 AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY ISAAC CALVO, ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF THE MARIANAS; PRINCIPAL OF PALAU HIGH SCHOOL LEO RULUKED AND MRS. ANITA SUTA, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION AT MOC IN PALAU; ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MANUEL SOUND OF TRUK; AND FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, MARTIN BUTLER, COORDINATOR OF CURRICULUM.

RAMARUI SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO EXPLORE AREAS OF MUTUAL NEED AND ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WHERE MANY MICRONESIAN EDUCATORS ARE BEING TRAINED.

THE SPECIAL MEETING WILL FOCUS ATTENTION AND DISCUSSION ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, SECONDARY EDUCATION, IN-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING, TEACHER EXCHANGE, AND BILINGUAL AND BICULTURAL EDUCATION.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII HARLAND CLEVELAND HAS DESIGNATED DR. DONALD TOPING, PACIFIC AND ASIAN LINGUISTICS INSTITUTE, AS COORDINATOR OF THE MEETING.

(TRANSPAC LINES ESTABLISHES OFFICE ON GUAM)

SAIPAN, JAN. (MNS)---TRANS PACIFIC LINES HAS OPENED AN OFFICE AT THE COMMERCIAL PORT ON GUAM THAT WILL HANDLE THEIR OWN SHIPS AT THE PORT, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS THIS WEEK AND WAS CONFIRMED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, CAPT. C.D. ECHOLS.

ECHOLS SAID THAT SINCE THE START OF THE CONTAINER INTERCHANGE ON GUAM, THEY HAVE HAD PROBLEMS IN CONTROLLING AND EXPEDITING THE MOVEMENT OF THEIR OWN CONTAINERS THROUGH THE PORT. HE STATED THAT THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PEOPLE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WORK, AND THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT THEY CAN PUT THIS PROBLEM BEHIND THEM.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE MOVE TO ESTABLISH THE NEW TRANSPAC OFFICE ON GUAM WAS BASED ON A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY ALVIN HANSON, WHO IS A CONSULTANT IN THE FIELD OF OCEAN TRANSPORTATION AND PORT OPERATIONS. HANSON HAS DONE SIMILAR WORK FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE COMMERCIAL PORT OF GUAM, THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND NOW WITH TRANSPAC LINES.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE COMMERCIAL PORT OF GUAM, COOPERATING WITH THE NEW MOVE ON THE PART OF THE COMPANY, HAS AGREED TO ASSIST BY PROVIDING SPACE AND OTHER SERVICES UNTIL TRANSPAC LINES CAN COMPLETE MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS.

CAPT. ECHOLS SAID THAT THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND HELPFULNESS OFFERED BY THE PORT OF GUAM "IS INDEED ENCOURAGING TO US AS WE STRIVE TO CREATE AND STRENGTHEN THE MICRONESIAN MERCHANT MARINE."