

Williams To Visit Saipan

SAIPAN (MNS) --

Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, the President's personal representative for Micronesian status negotiations, will stop on Saipan from Tuesday to Thursday.

The ambassador, who will be en route to the Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia, will take the opportunity to follow up with Sen. Lazarus Sali, chairman of the Joint Committee on Future Status, and with Sen. Edward Pangelinan, chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission, on matters pertaining to recent status talks.

Sali and Williams agreed in December that it would be useful to have an informal and continuing exchange of views and information on the financial needs of the future government of Micronesia under a status of free association in the post-trusteeship period. These talks will serve as background for the further formal talks between the United States and the joint committee. These informal exchanges will give the joint committee an opportunity to discuss with the United States its views of the future government of Micronesia's requirements and for the United States in turn to explain its assumption and its proposals. The discussions will not involve formal negotiations but will prepare the way for the further talks.

The ambassador will discuss with Sali the agenda for these informal exchanges and he will also consult with Pangelinan concerning the work of the Joint U.S. - Marianas Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee.

Meanwhile, a three-man U.S. team headed by James M. Wilson, U.S. deputy representative for Micronesian status negotiations, will arrive