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(TANKER ON WAY TO MICRONESIA)

SAIPAN, JAN. 3, (MNS)---MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA OFFICIALS SAID THURSDAY (JAN. 3) THAT THE TANKER "HALEKULANI" WAS TAKING ON FUEL ON GUAM DURING THE DAY AND WAS EXPECTED TO SAIL FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY LATE THURSDAY EVENING, FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL ON GUAM OF A TANKER EARLIER THIS WEEK.

MOBIL MANAGER RON CHEVAKO SAID THE HALEKULANI WOULD SAIL TO SAIPAN, YAP AND PALAU ON THIS TRIP, SUPPLYING FUEL TO THE BULK PLANTS IN THOSE LOCATIONS AND THEREBY INCREASING THE TRUST TERRITORY RESERVES OF GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL AND OTHER FUELS. CHEVAKO ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALLOCATION OF FUEL DURING JANUARY CONTINUES TO BE BASED ON 83 PER CENT OF JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1973 PURCHASES, THE SAME FORMULA USED IN DECEMBER. CONSERVATION MUST STILL BE PRACTICED BY EVERYONE, HE EMPHASIZED.

"WHAT MOBIL FEELS IS MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT EVERYONE REALIZE THAT FUEL IS LIMITED, BUT NOT SO LIMITED AS TO NECESSITATE HOARDING," CHEVAKO SAID. "SIMPLY DRIVE LESS, ECONOMIZE, BUT DON'T HOARD. IF WE ALL CONSERVE, FOLLOW OUR NORMAL BUYING PATTERNS--EVEN FILL UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT STOP PREVIOUSLY WASTEFUL CONSUMING PATTERNS--THE FUEL ON THE ISLAND CAN LAST MUCH LONGER.

"THE KEY TO SUCCESS OF ANY ALLOCATION PROGRAM," THE OIL COMPANY OFFICIAL STRESSED, "LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE PUBLIC. WE ALL MUST CONSERVE FUEL."

SPEAKING WITH MNS BY TELEPHONE FROM GUAM, CHEVAKO NOTED THAT ON GUAM THE SAME SITUATION HAS BEGUN THAT SAIPAN EXPERIENCED A WEEK AGO--LONG LINES AT MANY FILLING STATIONS, SOME STATIONS CLOSED, AND PEOPLE APPARENTLY BUYING MORE GASOLINE THEN THEY NORMALLY DO. HE SAID MOBIL WAS DOING ITS PART TO DE-FUSE THIS SITUATION THROUGH A CAMPAIGN OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC EDUCATION, WITH THE BASIC MESSAGE BEING: "DON'T PANIC, BUT DO CONSERVE FUEL."

IN THE TRUST TERRITORY THE DELIVERY OF JANUARY FUEL ALLOCATIONS HAS CONSIDERABLY REDUCED THE DEMAND FOR GASOLINE ON SAIPAN. CHEVAKO SAID MOBIL DELIVERED JANUARY ALLOCATIONS BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 AS A MEANS OF TAKING SOME PRESSURE OFF THE GASOLINE STATIONS WHICH HAD DECEMBER FUEL REMAINING. GASOLINE RATIONING IS STILL A POSSIBILITY ON THE ISLAND, BUT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE TAKING A "WAIT-AND-SEE" ATTITUDE AT THE MOMENT, HOPING PUBLIC COOPERATION WITH CONSERVATION MEASURES WILL MAKE DIRECT GOVERNMENT ACTION UNNECESSARY.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, CHECKING WITH THE VARIOUS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS DURING THE REGULAR CONFERENCE CALL THURSDAY MORNING, FOUND THAT THE OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REDUCED THEIR FUEL CONSUMPTION WHILE AVOIDING ANY PANIC BUYING ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC. THE SITUATION IN PALAU, YAP, TRUK, PONAPE AND MARSHALLS HAS CHANGED LITTLE FROM A WEEK AGO.

(HICOM SIGNS SURVEYING CONTRACT)

SAIPAN, JAN. 3, (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM OF SURVEYING OF AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEADS ON SAIPAN, IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT.

DURING A SPECIAL CEREMONY IN HIS OFFICE THIS WEEK, THE HICOM ANNOUNCED AWARD OF THE \$111,000 DOLLAR CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF JUAN TENORIO AND ASSOCIATES OF SAIPAN, INCORPORATED. THE COMPANY WILL BEGIN THE WORK WITHIN THE MONTH, AND EXPECTS TO COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENT WITHIN A YEAR.

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PURSUANT TO A RECENT COURT ORDER, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ISSUED QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO SOME 191 AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEADS ON SAIPAN, BUT PROMISED AT THE TIME THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT A PROPER SURVEY WAS EFFECTED FOR HOMESTEAD PARCEL RECIPIENTS, DESPITE THE CLASS ACTION SUIT BROUGHT TO COMPEL ISSUANCE OF THE DEEDS BY QUITCLAIM.

AT THE SIGNING, THE HICOM CONGRATULATED TENORIO AND HIS FIRM FOR HAVING BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE, AND AGAIN REAFFIRMED HIS INTENTION TO INSURE THAT EACH HOMESTEADER IS AWARE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF HIS HOMESTEAD PARCEL. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COURT ACTION OF LATE LAST YEAR MADE IT NECESSARY TO ISSUE THE QUITCLAIM CONVEYANCES WITHOUT PROPER BOUNDARY IDENTIFICATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION SAID THE WORK TO BE DONE UNDER THE CONTRACT WILL MAKE EVERY HOMESTEADER AWARE OF THE EXACT AREA AND BOUNDARIES OF HIS PROPERTY, AND WILL REMOVE ANY TITLE CLOUD UPON THE PREMISES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN OCCASIONED BY THE REQUIRED QUITCLAIM CONVEYANCE.

PRESENT AT THE SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT, IN ADDITION TO THE HICOM, WERE KOZO YAMADA, CHIEF OF THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION, EMMETT RICE, LAND LAW EXAMINER FOR THE IT, AND JUAN TENORIO AND JOE TENORIO OF THE SURVEYING COMPANY.

(MEDICAL SUPPLIES DROPPED ON SATAWAL)

SAIPAN, JAN. 3, (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THIS WEEK THAT A U.S. NAVY PLANE FROM GUAM SUCCESSFULLY AIR-DROPPED A SUPPLY OF BADLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES ON THE ISLAND OF SATAWAL IN YAP DISTRICT THIS PAST WEEKEND.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE CALLED FOR BY THE HEALTH ASSISTANT IN SATAWAL, FOLLOWING AN OUTBREAK OF UPPER RESPIRATORY UNFLUENZA THAT HAS AFFECTED NEARLY 100 PER CENT OF THE 150 CHILDREN ON THE ISLAND, AND ABOUT HALF OF THE ADULTS. THE TOTAL POPULATION OF SATAWAL IS APPROXIMATELY 370.

EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER OF THE COMMANDER, NAVAL FORCES, MARIANAS ON GUAM, FOLLOWING A REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SENT AN HU-16 ON THE MERCY MISSION SUNDAY, DEC. 30. AT 9:30 A.M. THE FLIGHT WAS ABLE TO AIR-DROP THE SUPPLIES, AND REPORTED THAT THE MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE STORY SLUGGED "NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF" IN THE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 MNS, WAS INCORRECT. IT STATED THAT VICTORINO T. BORJA HAS BEEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING BRANCH, WHEN IN FACT MR. BORJA WAS NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION. THE FOLLOWING STORY IS CORRECT, AND SHOULD BE USED IN PLACE OF THE PREVIOUS STORY WHERE POSSIBLE. IF USE OF THE OTHER STORY HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE WE WOULD APPRECIATE A CORRECTION. MNS REGRETS THE ERROR.)

(BORJA NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION CHIEF)

SAIPAN, JAN. 3 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF VICTORINO T. BORJA OF SAIPAN AS ASSISTANT TO COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT OFFICER (DIVISION CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS) JOHN WELCH. BORJA MOVES INTO THE NEW POSITION FROM A JOB AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATION'S ENGINEERING BRANCH, A JOB HE HAS HELD SINCE 1971.

IN HIS NEW POSITION, BORJA WILL ASSIST IN THE PLANNING, ORGANIZATION AND PREPARATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, WILL ASSIST IN THE OVERALL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ALL TRUST TERRITORY COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, PARTICIPATE IN FORMULATING COMMUNICATIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS, DIRECTIVES AND STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE, AND POLICIES CONCERNING GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, AND PERFORM A NUMBER OF OTHER RELATED DUTIES AS ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF THE DIVISION.

IN HIS RECOMMENDATION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, DIVISION CHIEF JOHN WELCH CITED BORJA'S LONG SERVICE WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, HIS MOST RECENT PERFORMANCE AS ASSISTANT BRANCH CHIEF IN COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING, HIS RECORD OF SEVERAL OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE COMMENDATIONS, AND THE FACT THAT HE HAS A NUMBER OF TIMES SUBSTITUTED FOR U.S. CIVIL SERVICE TECHNICIANS FOR VARIOUS LENGTHS OF TIME.

"VIC" BORJA WAS A RADIO OPERATOR FOR SEVEN YEARS BEFORE CONVERTING TO ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN. HE GRADUATED AT THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL (PITTS), AND HAS COMPLETED A NUMBER OF CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS VARIOUS FACTORY TRAINING COURSES.

HE AND HIS WIFE, TRINIDAD, HAVE FIVE CHILDREN.
(CALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(ATALIG VS. WILSON, AGAIN)

SAIPAN, JAN. 3, (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN FELIPE O. ATALIG RESPONDED THIS WEEK TO STATEMENTS MADE SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY U.S. DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OFFICE OF THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, JAMES WILSON CONCERNING THEIR RECENT EXCHANGE OF HEATED WORDS.

LAST WEEK WILSON WROTE THE CONGRESSMAN A LETTER ASSERTING THAT ATALIG MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT "HE DID NOT WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY" AND FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT "IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY ON DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE STATUS UNLESS BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE FAMILY WAS THE COMMON GOAL AND IF ANYONE FELT OTHERWISE HE HAD NO BUSINESS THERE AND SHOULD GET OUT--NOT OF THE ISLANDS, OF COURSE, BUT OF THE TALKS."

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CONGRESSMAN ATALIG, IN A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION REPLIED: "I PROTEST HIS INTIMATION THAT I DID NOT WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY. SUCH IS NOT THE CASE AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR IN THE CLOSING SENTENCES OF MY LETTER TO HIM--IF IT WAS NOT THE NIGHT OF HIS UNTOWARD BEHAVIOR."

ATALIG'S LETTER CONTINUED: "I REITERATE THAT HE IMPOSED HIS PRESENCE AND VIEWS UPON ME--AND NOT THE REVERSE. I FURTHER CHARGE, AGAIN AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEAR IN MY LETTER--THAT MY REMARKS TO HIM CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AREA DEALT WITH HIM AS BEING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APPROACH OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. FURTHERMORE, SINCE I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, WILSON'S COMMENT IMPLYING THAT I SHOULD GET OF THE TALKS IS REVEALED AS NONSENSICAL."

THE LETTER FURTHER STATED: "I ALSO FIND MYSELF SOMEWHAT MORE THAN SLIGHTLY EXASPERATED BY THE FACT THAT WILSON DID NOT HAVE THE COURTESY TO INDICATE TO WHOM HE WAS SENDING COPIES OF HIS LETTER AS I DID ON MY LETTER. THIS, IF NOTHING ELSE, SHOULD INDICATE THAT HIS REPLY WAS FORMULATED WITH THE INTENTION OF DISCREDITING ME AND TWISTING THE TALE OF EVENTS TO HIS BENEFIT."

ATALIG INDICATED IN HIS LETTER THAT WHAT HE BELIEVED HAD STARTED THE EXCHANGE WAS THAT WILSON MIGHT HAVE BEEN PARTYING TOO MUCH. HE REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT WILSON WOULD BE REPLACED AND AGAIN STATED:

"IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF ANY MISUNDERSTANDING FROM THIS INCIDENT WERE ALLOWED TO MAR IN ANY WAY WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE PLEASANT AND USEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MICRONESIA--ESPECIALLY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT."

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