

(U.S. TO RETURN LANDS BY SECRETARIAL ORDER)

SAIPAN, NOVEMBER 26 (MNS) ~~74~~ THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LAND IN THE TRUST TERRITORY TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA BY MEANS OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, TO BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

HOWEVER THE PLANNED ACTION HAS RUN INTO SOME OPPOSITION IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, PARTICULARLY FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, WHO FEELS THE CONGRESS SHOULD BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LAND THROUGH LEGISLATION.

A BILL PASSED BY THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR TO EFFECT THE LAND RETURN (SB296) WAS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE BY THE ADMINISTRATION, AND WAS VETOED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. IN OCTOBER THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE PASSED A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THAT ACTION, AND CALLING FOR A HALT IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE LAND QUESTION IS SETTLED. THE RESOLUTION, WHICH HAD THE SUPPORT OF SENATOR SALII, FAVORED A LEGISLATIVE RATHER THAN EXECUTIVE APPROACH TO THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LAND.

ACCORDING TO SOURCES WITHIN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE PLANNED SECRETARIAL ORDER IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED FOLLOWING A MEETING IN HONOLULU NEXT WEEK, TO WHICH MICRONESIAN LEADERS HAVE BEEN INVITED. THE MEETING, SUGGESTED BY THE U.S., IS TO PERMIT A DELEGATION OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO "CONSULT" WITH THE MICRONESIAN LEADERSHIP BEFORE THE ORDER IS ISSUED. DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS IN THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, STANLEY S. CARPENTER, WOULD HEAD A THREE-MAN U.S. DELEGATION TO THE MEETING.

CARPENTER INFORMED SENATOR SALII IN A TELEGRAM LAST WEEK THAT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. MORTON CANNOT REVERSE HIS DECISION TO PROCEED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, "DESPITE TWO OPPORTUNITIES... WAS UNABLE TO PASS AN APPROPRIATE AND SATISFACTORY BILL TO IMPLEMENT SECRETARIAL POLICY." SECRETARY MORTON FIRST ANNOUNCED THE U.S. INTENTION TO RETURN PUBLIC LANDS IN MICRONESIA TO THE PEOPLE IN NOVEMBER, 1973.

IN RESPONSE TO CARPENTER'S MESSAGE, SENATOR SALII INFORMED U.S. AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS CONTINUES TO PREFER THE LEGISLATIVE, RATHER THAN EXECUTIVE, APPROACH TO IMPLEMENT THE RETURN.

"THE JCFS POSITION, AS I PRESENTED IT TO YOU IN HONOLULU (IN LATE OCTOBER)", THE SENATOR TOLD WILLIAMS, "IS THAT THE ONLY WAY AN EXECUTIVE ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE WILL BE EITHER (1) THAT NO CONDITIONS WERE SET IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, OR (2) THAT THE CONDITIONS SET IN SENATE BILL 296 AND NO OTHERS BE INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER." FURTHER, SENATOR SALII STATED, "ANY EXECUTIVE ORDER WILL HAVE TO HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL, REPEAT, PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE JCFS BEFORE IT IS ISSUED, RATHER THAN MERELY TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF LOCAL LEADERS QUOTE CONSIDERED UNQUOTE."

SENATOR SALII ADDED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE POSITION OF HIS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, IF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IS ISSUED BY THE U.S. WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, HE "CANNOT...AGREE TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH YOU."

SALII TOLD AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS THAT HIS COMMITTEE WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE U.S. SIDE IN COMING UP WITH DRAFT LEGISLATION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

DESPITE THIS OPPOSITION TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, THE U.S. HAVE INVITED MICRONESIAN LEADERS FROM THE CONGRESS AND THE SIX DISTRICT

LEGISLATURES, AS WELL AS THE SIX DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, TO THE DECEMBER 2 MEETING WITH CARPENTER IN HAWAII. IN RESPONSE, SENATOR SALII HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONGRESS AND THE SPEAKERS OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES "NOT PARTICIPATE" IN THE MEETING "UNLESS INTERIOR ASSURES THAT APPROVAL OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE ISSUANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER."

THE SENATOR FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE MEETING BE CHANGED FROM HONOLULU TO SAIPAN, IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF MICRONESIAN PARTICIPANTS AND THE EXPENSE INVOLVED, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT ALL OF THE MICRONESIANS INVOLVED IN THE MEETING MEET FIRST ON SAIPAN TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED MICRONESIAN POSITION ON THE PUBLIC LANDS QUESTION.

ON MONDAY OF THIS WEEK, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE BETHWEL HENRY AND SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA INFORMED THE SPEAKERS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LEGISLATURES THAT THEY HAVE ASKED WASHINGTON TO POSTPONE THE DECEMBER 2 MEETING, AND TO MOVE IT TO SAIPAN. THEY FURTHER SAID THAT THEY CONCUR WITH SENATOR SALII'S SUGGESTION FOR AN ADVANCE MEETING ON SAIPAN.

SPEAKER HENRY AND PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA WERE REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO FLY TO SAIPAN WEDNESDAY FOR THIS MEETING, BUT IT COULD NOT BE LEARNED HOW MANY, IF ANY, OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ATTEND. SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WERE ALSO REPORTED TO BE FLYING TO SAIPAN FOR THE DISCUSSIONS.

ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THE SITUATION, OTHER THAN TO PROVIDE MNS WITH COPIES OF THE RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE, SENATOR SALII WAS BELIEVED TO VIEW THE PLANNED U.S. EXECUTIVE ACTION TO EFFECT THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS AS A THREAT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AS WELL AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE U.S. TO BYPASS THE CONGRESS ON A MAJOR, CRITICAL ISSUE.

THE SENATOR INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE PUBLIC STATEMENT TO MAKE ON THE SITUATION LATER THIS WEEK.

#### (MARIANAS STATUS TALKS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 26 (MNS)---THE FIFTH ROUND OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANAS HAS BEEN DELAYED FOR SEVERAL DAYS, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC), VICENTE N. SANTOS.

ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD DECEMBER 2, THE DATE NOW HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5TH ON SAIPAN. ACCORDING TO THE RELEASE, THE U.S. DELEGATION, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, WILL ARRIVE IN EARLY DECEMBER FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS PRECEDING THE OPENING OF THE FORMAL SESSION.

THE STATUS TALKS WERE SCHEDULED AFTER AN INFORMAL MEETING IN HONOLULU LAST MONTH BETWEEN CHAIRMAN EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN OF MPSC AND VICENTE N. SANTOS FOR THE MARIANAS DELEGATION, AND AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND HIS DEPUTY, JAMES WILSON.

THE STATUS LIAISON OFFICE REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS WAS EXPECTED ON DECEMBER 2, AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE SESSION.

#### (BUSINESS PERMITS ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, NOV. 26 (MNS)---NINE BUSINESS PERMITS WERE ISSUED THIS WEEK BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY REPORT ON FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. THE PERMITS WERE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-85, WHICH REQUIRES MICRONESIAN CITIZENS MARRIED TO NON-MICRONESIANS DOING BUSINESS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY TO COMPLY WITH THE FOREIGN BUSINESS LAW.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED PERMITS: MARIA NORITA MANALO, OWNER OF PHILIPPINE GOODS AND TAILORING--IMPORT

AND RETAIL SALE OF GROCERIES AND DRY GOODS FROM THE PHILIPPINES;  
TAILORING CLOTHES IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT;

KALEB UDUI--REAL ESTATE; CONSTRUCTION, RENTAL, AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING, OFFICE SPACES, BUYING AND SELLING LAND  
AND OTHER RELATED BUSINESS VENTURES IN THE MARIANAS AND PALAU  
DISTRICTS. THE BUSINESS IS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP OWNED AND  
MANAGED BY KALEB UDUI:

ANDRES, FACEY ENTERPRISES--OWNERS OF WESTERN PACIFIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. THE COMPANY IS ENGAGE IN RENTAL PROPERTY,  
IMPORT, WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND ANY OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS ACTIVITY  
WHICH A CITIZEN OF THE TRUST TERRITORY MAY PERFORM UNDER THE  
LAWS OF THE TT IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS AND PALAU DISTRICT;

ANTONIO DE LAROSA-DESIGN BUILDERS--ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION  
OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES IN THE MARIANAS;

MRS. MARGARITA M. LELY--OWNER OF THE HOUSE OF COSMETICS  
-RETAIL SALES OF COSMETICS, CLOTHING AND ASSORTED MERCHANDISE  
IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT;

MAYUMI M. LOMONGO--OWNER OF M & L ENTERPRISES WHICH OPERATES  
A RESTAURANT AND BAR; RENTAL PROPERTIES; ELECTRICAL SERVICES AND  
RELATED ACTIVITIES IN TRUK DISTRICT;

GLORIA WENGU ALTEROS--GLO-AL AUTO REPAIR SHOP IN TRUK  
DISTRICT;

LUCY S. ABELLO--AUTO REPAIR SHOP IN PONAPE DISTRICT SELLING  
SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE REPAIR OF AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES; AND

YVETTE E. ADAMS--GENERAL IMPORT; OWNS AND OPERATES ICE CREAM  
SHOPS, ICE CREAM VANS; HANDICRAFTS AND SOUVENIR SHOP; AND OFFICE  
AND RESIDENTIAL RENTALS IN PONEPE DISTRICT.

(JOB OPPORTUNITY)

SAIPAN, NOV. 26 (MNS)---THROUGH A JOINT EFFORTS PROVIDED  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF LABOR, REGION IX, TRAINING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL  
WAS GRANTED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER TITLE 1 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE  
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 1973, TO ADMINISTER AND SUPERVISE  
TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING, ON-THE-JOB  
TRAINING, WORK EXPERIENCE AND OTHER SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO  
ARE UNEMPLOYED, UNDER-EMPLOYED OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING OR NEED OTHER RELATED  
INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT TRAINING  
DIVISION AT LOWER BASE OR CALL TELEPHONE NO. 9313/9329/9330.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY IMMEDIATELY.  
ENROLLMENT IS TENTATIVELY OPENED UNTIL NOVEMBER 28, 1974.