

(EDLF BOARD REITERATES LENDING POLICY)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27, (MNS)---THE MEMBERS OF THE HEADQUARTERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND BOARD VOTED DURING THEIR MEETING WEDNESDAY (NOV. 27) TO ADHERE TO THE ESTABLISHED POLICY OF MAINTAINING THE FOLLOWING RATIO'S WHEN CONSIDERING VARIOUS LOANS. NOT MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF THE APPROPRIATED FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR WORKING CAPITAL FOR INVENTORY TO COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION, RETAIL, WHOLESALE, ETC.); 20 PERCENT FOR AGRICULTURE; 20 PERCENT FOR TOURISM AND 30 PERCENT FOR MARINE RESOURCES. BECAUSE THE CEILING HAS BEEN REACHED IN COMMERCIAL LOANS, NO MORE LOANS IN EXCESS OF \$10,000, IN THIS CATEGORY WILL BE CONSIDERED UNTIL THE AMOUNT OF LOANS OUTSTANDING FALLS BELOW THE CEILING.

THESE GUIDELINES WERE ESTABLISHED BY U.S. PUBLIC LAW 92-25-7 SINCE THE U.S. CONGRESS IS THE SOURCE OF EDLF FUNDING. IF THE TREND OF LOANING MONEY FOR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES WERE TO CONTINUE, NO FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE CAPITAL FOR THE DEVELOPING SECTORS OF TOURISM, AGRICULTURE AND MARINE RESOURCES.

LOANS UNDER \$10,000 ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN REVIEW BOARD.

THE BOARD ALSO VOTED TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS TO HOW CONGRESS VIEWS THE BOARD'S ACTION AS WELL AS THE PRESENT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS NOW ESTABLISHED WITH RESPECT FOR THE NEED FOR FUNDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS IN THE AGRICULTURE, MARINE, AND TOURISM SECTOR. OVERLENDING OF FUNDS FOR ONE SECTOR COULD POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZE THE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR MARINE, AGRICULTURE, AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT.

(MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING ENDS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27 (MNS)---MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL HAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON GUAM IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

ACCORDING TO STEVE RENLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE BOARD, MICRONESIA WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEN AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS, MEN AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING, MEN'S VOLLEYBALL, MEN'S BASKETBALL, MEN'S SOFTBALL, GOLF, UNDERWATER FISHING AND TABLE TENNIS.

THERE ARE PLANS TO BRING ATHLETES FROM THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA TO ONE TRAINING SITE FOR TWO MONTHS OF TRAINING DURING JUNE AND JULY SO THEY WILL BE WELL PREPARED FOR THE GAMES WHICH BEGIN ON AUGUST 1. SAIPAN HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SELECTED AS THE SITE FOR THE TWO-MONTH TRAINING.

MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL ARE: FELIX F. RABAULMAN, CHAIRMAN, ELIAS OKAMURA, AL SHYDER, OSCAR C. RASA, MARIANAS; YASUO YAMADA, PONAPE; DENEI OTOBED, PALAU; LUKE MOON, YAP, NAGIE ALEXANDER, TRUK; DR. EMIL MENASSA, MARSHALLS; STEVE RENLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; KURT BARNES, SPORTS DIRECTOR; DAVID H. SABLAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR; AND BONIFACIO BASILIUS, PUBLICITY DIRECTOR.

(ANOTHER MEDICAL FIRST FOR TRUK)

NOEN, NOV. 27 (MNS)---AN INTER-DISTRICT ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON RESIDING IN PONAPE DR. GAVIN SOUTHERLAND, HAS PERFORMED THE FIRST FIVE TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT OPERATIONS AT TRUK HOSPITAL WITH THE HELP OF ITS STAFF.

ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER BOHA RUBEN, THE ONLY OTHER PLACE IN THE PACIFIC BASIN WHERE

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HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY CAN BE PERFORMED IN HONOLULU HOSPITALS.

DR. CHARLES JONES OF TRUK HOSPITAL SAID THIS WEEK THAT GUAM HOSPITALS ARE CONSIDERING SENDING THEIR PATIENTS TO TRUK FOR TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY.

THE PROCEDURE WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY AN EPOXY WHICH CEMENTS THE ACETABULUM (THE CUP-SHAPED SOCKET IN THE HIPBONE) AND IS AN IMPORTANT OVER CONVENTIONAL HIP PROCEDURE, ACCORDING TO DR. SOUTHERLAND. DUE TO EARLY RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITIES AND THE FACT THAT TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT PROVIDES FOR GREATER MOBILITY THAN THE CONVENTIONAL PROCEDURE. MOST PATIENTS CAN RECUPERATE FROM SUCH SURGERY IN ABOUT A WEEK AFTER THE OPERATION AND RETURN TO WORK IN ABOUT A MONTH.

THE SURGERY IS USEFUL IN THE TREATMENT OF PRIMARY ARTHRITIS OF THE HIP, TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS AND POST TRAUMATIC ARTHRITIS. THE OPERATIONS THAT WERE PERFORMED THIS WEEK WERE ON FIVE MEN FROM PONAPE. SEVERAL MORE OPERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY ON PATIENTS FROM TRUK AND PALAU.

ACCORDING TO TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. MASAO KUNANGAI, DR. SOUTHERLAND TOOK A THREE-MONTH ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE LAST SUMMER TO ATTEND FURTHER TRAINING IN LONDON, ENGLAND IN THIS NEW HIP-SURGERY TECHNIQUE.

(CONTINENTAL HOTEL CASE TO SUPREME COURT)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27 (MNS)---PLAINTIFFS IN THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL CASE HAVE PETITIONED THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT FOR A HEARING ON THEIR CASE AGAINST THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL ON SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO PACIFIC DAILY NEWS WEDNESDAY'S EDITION (NOV. 27).

ATTORNEYS FOR THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES FILED THE PETITION ON BEHALF OF TEN SAIPAN RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NAMED IT HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS, AND CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC., AS DEFENDANTS IN THE SUIT.

THE PETITION ADDS ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE CONTROVERSIAL BATTLE WHICH BEGAN TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THE PLAINTIFFS FILED SUIT TO PREVENT CONTINENTAL HOTEL FROM BEING BUILT ON THE "POPULAR MICRO BEACH." THE PETITION CITES SEVERAL REASONS FOR FILING THE SUIT.

ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES DECIDED DURING THE TWO YEARS OF LITIGATIONS IS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTESHIP AGREEMENT IS "SELF-EXECUTING," MEANING THAT MICRONESIANS CAN GO TO FEDERAL COURTS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THAT AGREEMENT, THE DAILY NEWS ACCOUNT STATED.

THE SAIPAN PLAINTIFFS MAINTAIN IN THEIR PETITION TO THE SUPREME COURT THAT THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT (APA) "SHOULD APPLY" WHEN MAJOR ACTIONS OF FEDERAL APPOINTEES ACTING UNDER THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, "SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENT."

BOTH THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IN HAWAII AND THE U.S. NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN SAN FRANCISCO AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR THE TT TO COME UNDER THESE ACTS.

THE SECOND ISSUE IN THE PETITION STATES THAT "THE COURT OF APPEALS SHOULD NOT HAVE COMMITTED THE DECISION OF A SUBSTANTIAL FEDERAL QUESTION TO A COURT FOR WHICH THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF REVIEW BY THE SUPREME COURT." THE COURT REFERRED TO IS THE TT HIGH COURT.

THE THIRD REASON GIVEN TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR IT

TO HEAR THE CASE IS THAT THE COURT OF APPEALS ALLEGEDLY FAILED "TO CORRECT THE DISTRICT COURT'S RELIANCE ON MATERIALS OUTSIDE THE COMPLAINT ON A MOTION TO DISMISS WITHOUT TREATING THE MOTION AS ONE FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT."

THE MLSC ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE PLAINTIFFS ALLEGE, "THE PRESENT DISPUTE AROSE WHEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SIGNED A LONG-TERM LEASE GRANTING CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC., PUBLIC LAND UNIQUE TO THE PEOPLE OF SAIPAN IN ITS CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND RECREATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE RESORT HOTEL."

DISCUSSING WHY NEPA SHOULD APPLY TO THE TT, THE PETITION EXPLAINS THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS NOT ONLY WAS CONCERNED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN THE U.S. PROPER BUT ALSO WITH THE "WORLDWIDE AND LONG-RANGE CHARACTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS."

"THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CONGRESS HAS THE POWER TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO COMPLY WITH NEPA IN ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE TT," ARGUES THE PETITION.

CARLOS SALII OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAID HE WAS APPLYING FOR A 30-DAY EXTENSION TO REPLY THE PLAINTIFF'S PETITION.

(NEW TT CHIEF COMMOFS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS VICTORINO T. BORJA HAS ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF OSHIRO F. MASTERS TO THE POSITION OF MANAGER, COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS BRANCH.

IN HIS NEW POSITION, MASTERS WILL WORK DIRECTLY UNDER THE DIVISION CHIEF IN PLANNING, ORGANIZING, STAFFING AND MANAGING THE OPERATIONS BRANCH OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION.

MASTERS, 49, WAS BORN IN AIRAI, BABELTHUAP ISLAND, PALAU DISTRICT. HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN COMMUNICATIONS SINCE HIS GRADUATION IN 1953 FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL. MASTERS WAS CHIEF RADIO OPERATOR IN PONAPE DISTRICT FOR ELEVEN YEARS BEFORE COMING TO SAIPAN AS ASSISTANT CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS IN 1971.

THE NEW OPERATIONS MANAGER REPLACES HOMER L. WILLES, WHO IS NOW ACTING AS AIR TRAFFIC COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR AND ADVISOR. WILLES WAS OPERATIONS BRANCH MANAGER SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN THE TRUST TERRITORY IN 1969 AFTER SERVING IN VARIOUS POSITIONS WITH THE U.S. FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION AGENCY FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS.

MASTERS, HIS WIFE ROSA, AND FOUR CHILDREN RANGING IN THE AGE FROM THREE TO 16 YEARS, RESIDE IN KAGMAN, SAIPAN. (NOTE TO KJQR STATION MANAGER:--THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE HEADQUARTERS HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE BROADCAST FOR TWO DAYS AT LEAST).

(MEASUREMENT OF CHILDREN AGES)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27 (MNS)---THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT DR. ANJA NIIRANEN, A PEDIATRICIAN FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, HAS ARRIVED IN SAIPAN AND HAS STARTED TAKING MEASUREMENT OF CHILDREN, AGES 0 TO 6 YEARS.

DR. ANJA WILL BE IN THE MARIANAS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR WEEKS AND WILL BE WORKING AT HEAD START CENTERS, DR. TORRES HOSPITAL, PUBLIC HEALTH DISPENSARIES AND AT PRIVATE KINDERGARTENS AND PRE-SCHOOLS. EVERY CHILDREN OF CHAGORRO, CAROLINIAN OR MIXED CHAGORRO/CAROLINIAN LIVING IN MARIANAS DISTRICT ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

HEAD START FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WILL BE NOTIFIED OF

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CLINIC DATES THROUGH THEIR HEAD START DIRECTORS AND TEACHERS.
OTHER FAMILIES WITH PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE INVITED
TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DISPENSARIES:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 8:30 - 11:30 A.M., SAN ANTONIO;
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1:30 - 3:50 P.M., CHALAN KANOA
DISPENSARY; THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1:00 - 3:30 P.M., TANAPAG
DISPENSARY; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1:00 - 3:30 P.M., SAN
ROQUE DISPENSARY; WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 8:30 - 11:30 A.M.,
CHALAN KANOA CLINIC; WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.,
CHALAN KANOA CLINIC.

DR. ANJA WILL ALSO BE GOING TO ROTA AND TINIAN.
(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 28 IS THANKSGIVING DAY, THERE WILL BE NO
MICRONESIAN NEWS DISPATCH FOR THAT DAY. THE NEXT MNS
DISPATCH WILL BE DATED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29).