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- Economic self reliance
- Maximize local characteristics within Micronesia.
- Coexist without sideworld.
- Offer job opportunities.
- Government not major employer
- Agriculture
- Marine Resources.
- C D
- Tourism

Basic Infrastructure

- Docks
- Utilities
- Necessary for private development.
- Attract commercial development.
- Expatriates going out
- Emphasis on private sector
  - Utilities contracted for
  - Can be self sustaining (when)?
- Eniwetok excluded.
- Ready to be much more self reliant in 10 years
- If copra stays up - individual producers *income will*  
increase <sup>4</sup> triple in 5 years.
- 50-50 deals on joint ventures (fishing 08)

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OPENING STATEMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THE MARSHALLS DELEGATION WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR DISTRICT'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE FISCAL PLANNING PERIOD, 1976 TO 1986.

THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT WHICH WAS USED TO FORMULATE THIS PLAN IS TO CREATE ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE BY MAXIMIZING OUR DISTRICT'S INHERENT PHYSICAL AND HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS WHILE RECOGNIZING OUR RELATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO COEXIST WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

SPECIFICALLY, OUR DISTRICT RECOGNIZES THE NECESSITY TO UTILIZE THOSE RESOURCES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO UPGRADE EACH INDIVIDUAL'S STANDARD OF LIVING WHILE MAINTAINING HIS CULTURAL INTEGRITY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE BETWEEN NEW TECHNOLOGY AND THE ESTABLISHED CULTURAL PATTERNS AND THIS PLAN IS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE SUCH CONFLICTS; YET ALLOW PROGRESS.

WE FEEL THAT WE MUST LAY THE PHYSICAL BASE FOR THE EXPANSION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO OFFER GREATER JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UPCOMING GENERATIONS. THE GOVERNMENT CAN ASSIST, BUT SHOULD NOT BE THE MAJOR EMPLOYER IF REAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS TO BE OBTAINED.

THE DISTRICT RECOGNIZES FOUR MAJOR AREAS OF BASIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; THEY ARE: AGRICULTURE, MARINE RESOURCES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM. TO DEVELOP THESE AREAS, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTING THE BASE INFRASTRUCTURE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, DOCKS, ROADS, AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES NECESSARY TO SERVICE PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. TO DATE, WE HAVE COMPLETED THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, ACCOMPLISHED THE PAVING OF ALL PRIMARY ROADS IN THE DISTRICT CENTER, INCREASED OUR WATER RESERVES TO A POINT WHICH WILL SERVICE NEW INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEMANDS, AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING AN EXTENSION OF OUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TO ATTRACT FURTHER COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE STARTED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PORT FACILITY AND WILL SOON BREAK GROUND FOR BASE SHORE FACILITIES TO SERVICE A FISHING INDUSTRY.

ON THE HUMAN SIDE, WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPAND ALL TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TO BUILD A SOLID BASE OF MICRO-BUSINESS. WE HAVE MICRONESIANIZED THREE OF THE FOUR MAJOR BUSINESS HEADS. WE ALSO HAVE IMMEDIATE PLANS TO ADD TO THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

YOUNG MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL

MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT

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APPOINTED A MICRONESIAN AS ASSISTANT DISTAD REP FOR KWAJALEIN ATOLL  
WHO IS UNDERGOING TRAINING TO REPLACE THE EXPATRIATE DISTAD REP AND  
LNO KWAJALEIN. FURTHER, WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF MICRONESIAN  
TECHNICIANS IN THE AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION, HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATION,  
REFRIGERATION, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

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IN THE COMING YEARS, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ANTICIPATES PHASING OUT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS WHICH CAN MORE ECONOMICALLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND HAVE DEVELOPED OUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN ACCORDINGLY. FOR EXAMPLE: I FORESEE THE MAINTENANCE OF MANY PUBLIC FACILITIES BEING CONTRACTED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FUTURE YEARS. IT IS ALSO FORESEEABLE THAT CERTAIN OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONTRACTED LOCALLY AND BE SELF-SUSTAINING. OUR DISTRICT RECOGNIZES THE ECONOMIC INTERRELATION OF THE SIX DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA, BUT WE MAINTAIN THAT BY NECESSITY, THE POSITION OF THE DISTRICTS WILL BE MORE ADMINISTRATIVELY AUTONOMOUS, WITH HEAD-QUARTERS ACTING AS A MONITORING AND AUDITING AGENCY AND PERFORMING THOSE INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS THAT CONCERN MICRONESIA AS A WHOLE. IN ESSENCE, WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE AREAS OF ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSIBILITY NOT SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BELONG TO THE DISTRICT.

IN CLOSING, I WISH TO STATE THAT I FEEL THAT THIS DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION, WORKING JOINTLY WITH THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT, REGARDLESS OF ITS MAKEUP, MUST WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND STRIVE TOWARD OUR GOAL OF SELF-RELIANCE.

*SELF-RELIANCE - IS THE SELF RESPECT.*