

(SABLAN RESIGNS AS TRANSPAC RECEIVER)
SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 19 (MNS)---THE GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED
RECEIVER OF TRANSPACIFIC LINES, INC., DAVID W. SABLAN,
INFORMED HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TUESDAY
MORNINGS (FEB. 9) OF HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN FROM THAT
POSITION.

SABLAN, WHO WAS APPOINTED WHEN TRANSPAC WAS DECLARED
INSOLVENT AND PLACED IN RECEIVERSHIP LAST FRIDAY, SAID HE
WAS RESIGNING TO AVOID 'GETTING INTO AREAS OF POSSIBLE
CONFLICT' WITH HIS POSITION AS VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL
MANAGER OF MICROL CORPORATION ON SAIPAN, A DIVISION OF
ATKINS-KROLL OF SAN FRANCISCO.

SABLAN'S RESIGNATION WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED, AFTHER
IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE COULD NOT LEGALLY RESIGN UNTIL A
SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WORKED THROUGH
THE DAY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT, AND GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK
TAKEN CARE OF PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT. BY LATE TUESDAY
AFTERNOON, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT A REPLACEMENT WAS ABOUT
TO BE NAMED, BUT HIS NAME COULD NOT BE RELEASED. SABLAN
REMAINED TECHNICALLY IN CONTROL OF THE TROUELED SHIPPING
COMPANY PENDING THE NEW APPOINTMENT.

TALKING WITH NEWSMEN FOLLOWING HIS RESIGNATION, SABLAN
SAID HE TOOK THE APPOINTMENT LAST WEEK BECAUSE HE FELT IT WAS
IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMPANY AND THE PEOPLE OF
MICRONESIA TO DO SO IN VIEW OF THE EMERGENCY THAT EXISTED
AT THAT TIME, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE M/V LOTTE REITH,
WHOSE CARGO WAS THREATENED UNLESS MONEY TO PAY FOR HER
CHARTER WAS OBTAINED QUICKLY. THAT AND OTHER EMERGENCIES
WERE TAKEN CARE OF DURING THE WEEKEND UNDER SABLAN'S
DIRECTION.

THIS WEEK, HE EXPLAINED, HE BEGAN TO GET INTO AREAS WHERE
HE PERCEIVED THAT CERTAIN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MIGHT ARISE,
SINCE ATKINS KROLL, THE COMPANY FOR WHICH HE WORKS,
REPRESENTS CERTAIN SHIPPING COMPANIES WHICH ARE INTERESTED
IN ENTERING MICRONESIA SERVICE IF THE TT GOVERNMENT TAKES
AWAY TRANSPAC'S EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE. ALTHOUGH SABLAN HAD
TEMPORATILY RESIGNED FROM ATKINS-KROLL WHEN HE WAS NAMED
RECEIVER, HE STILL FELT THESE CONFLICTS WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM
TO MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO TRANSPAC IN THE
EVENT THE FRANCHISE IS LIFTED.

'THE GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE IS VITAL TO THE PERPETUITY OF
TRANSPAC AS A VIABLE SHIPPING COMPANY,' SABLAN SAID TUESDAY
AFTERNOON. ASKED IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION TO INDICATE
THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN FACT CONSIDERING CANCELLING THE
FRANCHISE, HE REPLIED, 'NO, I DID NOT.'
NI THE GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION WITH
REGARD TO THE FRANCHISE, ALTHOUGH HIS POSSIBLITY IS UNDER
CONSIDERATION.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW RECEIVER FOR THE SHIPPING COMPANY
IS EXPECTED BY EARLY WEDNESDAY.

(STATUS MEETINGS COMPLETE)
-SSAIPAN, FEB. 19 (STATUS LNO RELEASE)---MEMBERS OF THE
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS
AND EXPERTS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT STAFF
COMPLETED A SERIES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH A TEAM FROM
WASHINGTON TO EXPLORE VARIOUS FACETS OF MICRONESIA'S FUTURE
FINANCIAL NEEDS ON SATURDAY, FEB. 16. IN ADDITION TO
EXCHANGING VIEWS AMONG THEMSELEVES, THE PARTICIPANTS HAD AN
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE DISTADS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES
FROM EACH DISTRICT AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC PLANNERS
TO EXAMINE THEIR THINKING ON THE EXTENT OF BASIC NEEDS.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMPLETION OF THIS INFORMAL EXCHANGE, WHICH EXTENDED OVER A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS, WAS MADE BY SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, AND THE LEADER OF THE U.S. TEAM, JAMES WILSON, WHO IS U.S. DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. THE MEETINGS WERE SCHEDULED AS A RESULT OF CONFERENCES HELD HERE IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY BETWEEN SENATOR SALII AND AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR, WHERE IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO REVIEW INFORMALLY AT THE EXPERT LEVEL THE EXTENT OF MICRONESIA'S LONG-TERM ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS PRELIMINARY TO FURTHER MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PRINCIPALS IN THE FUTURE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

SENATOR SALII AND MR. WILSON BOTH CONSIDERED THE TALKS TO BE MOST USEFUL IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS. THE RESULTS WILL BE REVIEWED AND STUDIED CAREFULLY BY BOTH SIDES PRIOR TO THE RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS IN THE SPRING COVERING THE REMAINING ISSUES OUTSTANDING IN THE STATUS TALKS.

(SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES)

SAIPAN, FEB. 19 (MNS)---THE POSSIBILITY OF MICRONESIAN TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN THE 1975 SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES NOW SEEMS SOMEWHAT BRIGHTER THAN BEFORE, ACCORDING TO ASPOKESMAN FROM THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. THE GAMES ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON GUAM IN AUGUST 1975, AND THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME FOR TEAMS FROM MICRONESIA TO PREPARE FOR OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE GAMES.

ANOTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENT OCCURED LAST WEEK WHEN SENATOR ANDON ANARAICH OF TRUK INTRODUCED SENATE BILL 299 TO CREATE A MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL WHOSE FIRST JOB WOULD BE TO GET MICRONESIA ORGANIZED FOR COMPETITION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES. THE MEASURE INCLUDES AN \$30,000 DOLLAR APPROPRIATION.

A DELEGATION FROM THE GUAM SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH ADA OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE AND MRS. MARILYN CARLSON, COMMITTEE SECRETARY, TESTIFIED FRIDAY EVENING BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS ANSWERING QUESTIONS REGARDING MICRONESIA'S ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING PART IN THE GAMES.

ALSO PRESENT WERE FELIX RAFAULINAN, MICROLYMPICS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES FROM YAP AND PALAU. THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF THE BILL AND PLEDGED ALL SUPPORT POSSIBLE IN HELPING THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL DO ITS JOB SHOULD SENATE BILL 299 BE PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

(BUSINESS PERMITS APPROVED)

SAIPAN, FEB. 19 (MNS)---TWO FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS WERE APPROVED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON THIS WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY REPORT OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

APPROVED WAS AN APPLICATION FROM J. LAWRENCE WHITE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN THE MARSHALLS, AND A PERMIT FOR THE MARIANAS TROPICAL CLUB, A HOTEL RESORT COMPLEX TO BE BUILT ON LAND OVERLOOKING LAKE SUSUPE ON SAIPAN. SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN OF SAIPAN IS PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS TROPICAL CLUB. OTHERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE GONZALO G. PANGELINAN, ALSO OF SAIPAN, AND ANDY M. ICHIKI, A HONOLULU ATTORNEY.

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NO NEW PERMIT APLOCATIONS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK, A DIVISION SPOKESMAN SAID.

(PFA REQUESTS \$150,000)

SAIPAN, FEB. 19 (MNS)--- THE PALAU FISHING AUTHORITY HAS OFFICIALLY ASKED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR \$150,000 FOR ITS OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS.

IN THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE REPORT YET SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER BY ANY DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITY, THE PALAU FISHING AUTHORITY REQUESTED THE \$1500,000 FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- \$40,000 FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A TWO-UNIT ICE-MAKING FACILITY;
 - \$50,000 FOR ITS LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE FISHERMEN AND FISHING COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION;
 - \$33,000 FOR OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS OF THE AUTHORITY;
- AND
- \$27,000 FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MALAKAL REEFER PLANT.

IN A COVER LETTER, THE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TOSHIRO PAULIS, DR. MESUBED YUZI, DUDIU TUTII AND HASHIDA KEBEKOL TOLD THE CONGRESS AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT THEIR REPORT 'IS A STATEMENT OF THE LITTLE THAT WE DID, WHERE WE FAILED, AND IN WHAT REAS WE NOW FIND OURSELVES IN NEED OF HELP.'

THE LETTER FURTHER NOTED THAT THE AUTHORITY ENJOYED 'UNFAILING COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FROM THE PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS DEPUTY.'

REPORTING ON ITS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, THE AUTHORITY SAID IT HAS DONE THE FOLLOWING:

-AWARDED OVER \$27,200 OF ITS \$50,000 LOAN FUND TO FISHERMEN AND FISHING COOPERATIVES.

-HELPED IN THE CREATION OF THE PELELIU/ANGAUR FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION: IS HELPING THE NGEREMLENGUI FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION TO EXPAND ITS MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATIONS TO COVER ALL OF WESTERN BABELTHOAP: AND IS HELPING CERTAIN MICRONESIAN FISHERMEN TO FORM A MICRONESIAN TUNA FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

- IS HELPING FISHERMEN AND COOPERATIVES IN ORDERING THEIR FISHING SUPPLIES AND GEAR.

- IS OPERATING A FUEL STAND SO THAT DISHERMEN AND THEIR FISHING COOPERATIVES CAN PURCHASE FUEL AT \$.10 LESS PER GALLON THAN THE REGULAR COMMERCIAL PRICE.

- RECEIVED APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR TO RENOVATE THE OLD JAPEANESE DRYDOCK FACILITY ACROSS FORM M-DOCK FOR FISHERMEN AND THEIR FISHING COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

IS NOW ACQUIRING MATERIALS FOR BULDING PROPER FISHHOLDS FOR THE FISHERMEN.

-ASKED THE MARINE RESOURCES STAFF AT HEADQUARTERS TO DESIGN A FISHING BOAT SUITABLE FOR FISHING IN PALAU.

- IS CONDUCTING, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARINE RESOURCES, EXPERIMENTS IN NEW FISHING TECHNIQUES AND APPROACHES WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO FISHERMEN.

- IS ORGANIXING FISH MARKETS IN PALAU TO ELIMINATE "CUTT-THROAT" COMPETITION AND LOWER FISH PRICES.

- IS WORKING WITH THE PORT DIRECTOR TO ENFORCE BOAT OPERATION REGULATIONS.

- IS CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND SURVEYS ON LOCAL FISH MARKETS, CONSUMER'S HABITS AND DESIRES, AND FISHERMEN'S EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES.

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AMONG ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE AUTHORITY ALSO ASKED THAT THE CONGRESS:

- INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF FUEL FOR THE FISHING INDUSTRY IN PALAU AND ORDER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO NOTIFY MOBIL OIL OF THE AUTHORITY'S TAX EXEMPT STATUS.
- AMEND EXISTING LAWS TO ALLOW THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS FROM THE MARINE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND.
- CREATE A NATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION OR A FEDERATION OF MICRONESIAN FISHING AUTHORITIES TO COORDINATE AND ASSIST THE VARIOUS FISHING AUTHORITIES.
- EMPOWER THE FISHING AUTHORITIES TO SET POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MARINE RESOURCES AND REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH INVESTMENT PRIOR TO APPROVAL BY THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE CREATION OF THE FISHING AUTHORITIES "WAS AND IS STILL VIEWED BY MAN, INCLUDING PERHAPS SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, AS THE CURE FOR ALL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICRONESIA'S MARINE RESOURCES."

THE REPORT SAID THAT THE FISHING AUTHORITIES ARE A "MICRONESIAN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE OUR OWN DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT "PUT FISH ON THE TABLE" WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THEIR CREATION." MICRONESIANS ARE TO BE BLAMED, NOT THE AMERICANS NOR THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION."

ASKED IF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR \$150,000, MANAGER FRANCISCO T. ULUDONG SAID:

"WE ARE AWARE OF THE MANY PRESSING OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE CONGRESS WILL SEE FIT TO GIVE US THE MONEY WE HAVE REQUESTED. IT MAY APPEAR THAT AS A NEW PROGRAM WE ARE ASKING A LITTLE TOO MUCH, BUT THE \$150,000, WE FEEL, IS THE MINIMUM COST FOR ANY REAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY IN PALAU."

W/11 (TINIAN GETS TELEVISION)

SAIPAN, FEB 19 (MNS)---ABOUT 600 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THOSE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WHO ARE ABLE TO VIEW TELEVISION ON A REGULAR BASIS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM KUAM ON GUAM. THE COMPANY, WHICH OWNS AND OPERATES THE SAIPAN TELEVISION STATION, WSZE, SAID LAST WEEK THAT IT HAS COMPLETED INSTALLATION OF A TRANSLATOR ON THE ISLAND OF TINIAN, BRINGING THE SIGNAL WITHIN REACH OF MOST OF THAT ISLAND'S RESIDENTS.

TINIAN WAS OUT OF TRANSMITTER RANGE FROM WSZE-TV, EVEN THOUGH IT LIES JUST A FEW MILES SOUTH OF SAIPAN, UNTIL THE TRANSLATOR WAS INSTALLED. THE COMPANY ALSO HAS TWO TRANSLATORS ON SAIPAN, NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE MANY HIGH HILLS ON THE ISLANDS. WSZE BROADCASTS PROGRAMS FROM ALL THREE AMERICAN TELEVISION NETWORKS, AS WELL AS TWO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, ON A DAILY BASIS FROM FOUR IN THE AFTERNOON UNTIL ABOUT MIDNIGHT. THE STATION HAS BEEN IN OPERATION ON SAIPAN SINCE 1969.

WSZE-TV IS OPERATED BY MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF PACIFIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF GUAM, WHICH OPERATES KUAM RADIO AND TV. HUGH BARTON OF GUAM IS THE GENERAL MANAGER. THE COMPANY EXPECTS TO PUT A COMMERCIAL AM RADIO STATION ON THE AIR ON SAIPAN WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.

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