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TROPICAL CLUB. OTHERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE GONZALO G.
PANGELINAN, ALSO OF SAZPAN, AND ANDY N. ICHIKI, A HONOLULU
ATTORNEY.

NO NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK,
A DIVISION SPOKESMAN SAID.
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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 \$150,000 FOR THE FOLLOWING:

-- \$40,000 FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A TWO-UNIT

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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 HAHBIDA KEBKOL 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 AREAS 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 \$27,000 OF ITS \$50,000 LOAN FUND TO FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION; IS HELPING THE

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NGEREMLENGUI FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION TO EXPAND ITS MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATIONS TO COVER ALL OF WESTERN BABELTHAOP; AND IS HELPING CERTAIN MICRONESIAN FISHERMEN TO FORM A MICRONESIAN TUNA FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

-- IS HELPING FISHERMEN AND COOPERATIVES IN ORDERING THEIR

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FISHING SUPPLIES AND GEAR.

-IS OPERATING A FUEL STAND SO THAT FISHERMEN AND THEIR FISHING COOPERATIVES CAN PURCHASE FUEL AT \$1.10 LESS PER GALLON THAN THE REGULAR COMMERCIAL PRICE.

-RECEIVED APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR TO RENOVATE THE OLD JAPANESE DRYDOCK FACILITY ACROSS FROM M-DOCK FOR FISHERMEN AND THEIR FISHING COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS. IS NOW ACQUIRING MATERIALS FOR BUILDING 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 ORGANIZING FISH MARKETS IN PALAU TO ELIMINATE

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(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.

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

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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 PALWU."

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(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.

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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

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