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U.S. ACTIONS - TINIAN REFERENDUM

Situation

1. The Tinian leadership has decided to sponsor a referendum on April 7, 1974 that calls for the voters to:

a. Decide on whether they agree to relocate the village of San Jose;

b. Choose between options for military land use on Tinian as follows:

- (1) none
- (2) 1/3 of the island
- (3) 2/3 of the island
- (4) other.

2. There appears to be a growing cohesive effort on the part of anti-U.S., anti-Commonwealth, anti-military and various radical elements toward blocking the U.S. from its objectives on Tinian. Although this effort has been extensive, there is no tangible evidence of degree of influence on the vote. There are indications, however, that the voter is confused and would welcome more straight information. (As reported by CDR Westlake and the AF Survey Team recently on Tinian).

Assumptions

1. That the United States will make some efforts to get the correct U.S. position to the Tinianese prior to the referendum.
2. That the United States recognizes the hazards of open U.S. interference but is willing to accept some degree of political risks that may be involved with low key or discrete efforts to provide factual information.
3. That the referendum is not purely an effort to provide the Tinian leadership (and possibly the MPSC) with additional negotiating leverage.

Basic Positions that the U.S. could adopt in their approach toward influencing the Tinian Referendum

1. No Direct Involvement. Herein, the election campaign, the interpretation of trends and the development of actions to counter adverse trends would be left exclusively to the pro-U.S. Tinian leadership and the MPSC. -- However, to help accomplish the basic U.S. objective of an accurate dissemination of available facts the following indirect and discreet steps might be taken:

- Step 1. Provide the MPSC and Tinian leadership with adequate copies of the U.S. Land Position Summary (MPSC has received copies and 50 copies have been given to Joe Cruz/Mayor Borja).

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- Step 2. Provide the pro-U.S. Tinian leadership (must include MPSC) with adequate translated copies of the above summary. (CDR Westlake and COMNAVMAR is now having the translation accomplished).
- Step 3. Provide these leaders responsive support for any available factual data they may need and request. (i.e., experience statistics on military/civil activities on Guam, that may relate to similar issues on Tinian).
- Step 4. Provide these leaders with illustrative graphs and pictures to assist their presentation efforts. These may include store-window displays and smaller handouts (such graphics are now being prepared in DOD and will be available by 15 March).
- Step 5. Provide a talking paper, with the above illustrations, that would explain their purpose and at the same time clarify the U.S. purpose and flexibility (paper is being prepared by DOD)
- Step 6. Develop and then announce the basic elements of a U.S. plan for lifting the moratorium (see separate Scott analysis of moratorium problem) - pass copies of the announcement to Tinian leaders ahead of time so they can build their prestige with early dissemination. -- These elements would include:
- a. Reaffirmation of U.S. intent to lift the moratorium as soon as details can be worked out (in consultation with both the Tinian people and the MPSC).
  - b. Statement on priorities to be given those who want to exchange their northern homesteads for land in the south (U.S. must ascertain how many and where).
  - c. Statement on priority to be accorded existing applicants.
  - d. Statement of U.S. intent to minimize any short-term impact on the Ken Jones Ranch operations - Particularly until base development and employment opportunities are well advanced -- (reiterating U.S. guarantee of employment to any Tinian citizen losing his job due to U.S. caused dislocations).
- Step 7. Inform the Chairman of the MPSC (Eddie Pangelinan) of the U.S. efforts to cooperate and encourage a more active participation effort on their part.
- Step 8. Develop with Eddie Pangelinan (presumably during the March meeting) a public statement to the effect that he has discussed the matter with Ambassador Williams who agrees (with Eddie) that while the referendum will be useful and helpful to the negotiating parties, it cannot be considered binding on these negotiations which involve both the interests of all the people of the Marianas and security needs of the United States.

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2. Indirect and Discreet Involvement: This position carries a greater (but not necessarily significant) degree of risk in having the U.S. connected with trying to influence the election. -- It envisages, in addition to the above steps, other selective and discreet efforts to provide factual information. These efforts could involve U.S. personnel in the Marianas whose job normally includes such activities as they may be required to undertake. They include:

Step 9. Discreetly encouraging support of the church leadership in the area (Father Flores et.al.) for both relocation and military presence. Such action could best be done by a prestigious native Chamorro of Guam or TTPI. (i.e., Colonel Vince Blas). -- Review for the church leaders the full range of advantages to the church.

- a. New facilities.
- b. Full use of old church
- c. New cohesive community.
- d. Improved educational standards, (quickly).
- e. Expanded jobs to keep young people on island.
- f. Improved standard of living.
- g. Modern no-slum community.

Step 10. Early coordination and discussions should be effected with Ken Jones - aimed not necessarily at gaining his support but at stopping his active opposition.

- a. Mr. Bernie Dove, Ambassador Williams, or Mr. Jim Wilson; along with Colonel Smith, Captain Scott, Colonel Kenty or Captain Whelan visit Ken Jones on Guam (COMNAVMAR Admiral Morrison would be an excellent media for making the initial contact and feeling out Mr. Jones' initial reactions). -- OMSN is preparing draft letter to Admiral Morrison requesting such action.
- b. Explain to him the near-term and long-term probabilities.
- c. Emphasize to him DOD desire to co-exist as long as practicable (well into base development time frame).
- d. Discuss with him trade-off options (more grazing in northern 2/3 and less in south central area) that could be worked out.
- e. Appeal to his patriotism and ask his cooperation.

- f. As a last resort (if he is uncooperative) pressure can be hinted at, or applied, for example:
  - (1) Early termination of his Tinian lease (with-in next year).
  - (2) Cancellation (by Executive Order) of his Pagan permits.
  - (3) Minimal cooperation in his future TTPI efforts.

Step 11. Ambassador Williams could discuss with Eddie Pangelinan in Honolulu, the immediate activation of the Joint Civil/Military Community Planning Council. (See separate analysis on this issue)

- a. Agree on the make-up (membership) of the council.
- b. Announce the activation in the Joint Communique.
- c. Purposes may include;
  - (1) Plan around possible problem areas.
  - (2) Recommend alternative sites for new village.
  - (3) Plan property exchanges on Tinian (Northern 2/3 to Southern 1/3).
  - (4) Establish priorities and locations for present homestead applicants, etc.

Step 12. To implement a series of statements and/or news releases (which could be circulated on Tinian) by the SLNO, CDR Westlake (MPL0), and TTPI/Interior officials (as appropriate) to set the record straight - address only one or two issues per statement.

Step 13. For the SLNO and MPL0 to volunteer to make themselves available to small citizens groups on Tinian (in conjunction with, and only at the behest of, Joe Cruz et.al.) to answer questions on specific issues.

Step 14. To the extent practicable, each AF Planning (Survey) Team that is scheduled for Tinian could "carry the message" to and discuss problems with the people. In this regard announce (ahead of time), and initiate, a series of scheduled (periodic) visits by USAF/DOD executive agent experts. -- These people would be visiting as part of the overall planning effort but while there, would be willing to bring everyone up to date.

- a. Brief everyone ahead of time on current U.S. positions.
- b. Allow these U.S. personnel to seek and discuss alternative locations, facilities, and housing with the people.
- c. Permit them to quietly discuss the issues.

Step 15. Have the TTPI Government begin an immediate effort to identify the desires of the existing Tinian homesteaders who must leave the northern 2/3. -- Publicly assure existing applicants that their priority will follow the needs of existing residents and the relocated community. (Pro U.S. Tinian leadership should be provided this information ASAP --- Mr. Berg of DOTA is working on the problem).

Step 16. Involvement of U.S. banking and business interests to put pressure on the dissidents or anti-U.S. (While practicable, this step should be considered principally as a possible follow-on):

- a. Banks could announce their intent to support loans for prospective concessionaires.
- b. They may even imply that because their business would be enhanced by a large DOD presence, loan money would be more readily available to pro-U.S. entrepreneurs. (Bank of America Manager on Saipan has offered to help).
- c. Businessmen currently involved in, or planning for, entertainment/service oriented enterprises could be recruited to help.

Step 17. As a method for influencing business opinion the U.S. might make clear, through pro-U.S. Tinianese, that the U.S. Base Concessions and sub-contracts are more likely to go to those who have supported the U.S. presence and that there will be far less contracts if there is no requirement to build a new community with its supporting facilities. The message could be disseminated by a newspaper article written by a friend (however, such action should be considered only as a follow-on action as part of a well planned U.S. program).

3. Direct but Discrete Involvement: (SLNO and MPLNO are opposed to such moves)

Step 18. Early publicizing of the forthcoming Marine maneuver.

Step 19. Request DOD to provide Civic Action advance parties to their scheduled Marine exercise. -- Group (or groups) would also be permitted to encourage support for selected elements of the U.S. position.

Step 20. A visit by Ambassador Williams or other OMSN personnel (possibly as an adjunct to a Saipan visit for another purpose).

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

The U.S. could effect a positive influence on the upcoming Tinian referendum without a direct involvement, principally by taking many of the steps listed above (through 16) and by utilizing U.S. representatives currently on the scene, to support the vocal pro-U.S. elements in the campaign.

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(HICOM RECEIVES MORE BILLS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 13 (MNS) THIRTEEN MORE BILLS FROM THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WERE OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON LATE TUESDAY (MARCH 12). THEY BRING TO TWENTY-ONE THE NUMBER OF BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED SO FAR, OUT OF THE TOTAL OF 46 BILLS PASSED DURING THE SESSION. 11  
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FINAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON TWO OF THOSE. THE REST ARE STILL PENDING. THE BILLS TRANSMITTED TUESDAY INCLUDED JUST ONE SENATE BILL, AND TWELVE HOUSE BILLS.

THE SENATE MEASURE IS THE CONTROVERSIAL ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME ACT, SENATE BILL 94, WHICH WAS VETOED BY THE HICOM LAST YEAR. THE CONGRESS OVERRODE THE VETO AT ITS SESSION THIS YEAR, AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER NOW HAS ANOTHER TWENTY DAYS TO RECONSIDER THE MEASURE. IF HE DECIDES HE STILL CANNOT APPROVE IT, IT WILL BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR FOR HIS FINAL ACTION. SENATOR AMATA KABUA (MARSHALLS) WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE ORIGINAL BILL.

THE TWELVE HOUSE BILLS INCLUDE: H.B. NO. 16, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT, INTRODUCED BY REP. EKPAP SILK;

--H.B. 49, RELATING TO TT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN COCONUT PROCESSING, SPONSORED BY REP. SASAUO HARUO OF TRUK;

--H.B. 174, AMENDING PL.4C-13 RELATING TO WEAPONS CONTROL, BY MACHINE O' SONIS OF TRUK;

--H.B. 215, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE TT PERSONNEL BOARD, BY CONG. RAYMOND SETIK OF TRUK;

--H.B. 226, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES, BY REP. AHRUO OF TRUK;

--H.B. 227, ALLOCATING MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE TT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, INTRODUCED BY REP. SETIK OF TRUK;

--H.B. 233, AMENDING THE TT CODE RELATING TO PERMITTING ONLY TT CITIZENS TO HARVEST TROCHUS SHELL, SPONSORED BY SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF PONAPE;

--H.B. 240, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE HEADQUARTERS REVENUE DIVISION, ALX BY CONGRESSMAN SETIK;

--AND H.B. 244, A SIMILAR APPROPRIATION MEASURE TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXPENSES OF THE REVENUE DIVISION FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, BY CONGRESSMAN SETIK.

ALSO RECEIVED WERE H.B. 277, BY CONG. PEDRO TENORIO FROM THE MARIANAS, WHICH CALLS FOR AMENDING THE TT CODE TO EXEMPT PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE TT FROM FUEL TAX;

--A BILL INTRODUCED BY CONG. DOMNICK WHICH WOULD REPEAL PL. 4C-68 RELATING TO NITIJELA MATCHING CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FUNDS (H.B. 293);

AND FINALLY, H.H. 334 PROVIDING THAT PUBLIC LANDS IN PAGAN, KAGMAN AND MARPI AREAS OF SAIPAN MAY BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTING PUBLIC FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, AND HOTELS, INTRODUCED BY HERMAN Q. GUERRERO OF THE MARIANAS.

THE HICOM HAS 33 DAYS OF WHICH TO ACT ON THESE MEASURES. (NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: IN THE LIST OF BILLS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHICH WE TRANSMITTED TO YOU ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, WE PUT THE TOTAL AT 45. WE HAVE SINCE DISCOVERED THAT OUR LIST LEFT OUT ONE BILL. IT IS HOUSE BILL 277, REFERRED TO IN THE PREVIOUS STORY. THUS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED DURING THE SESSION SHOULD BE 46, AND WE EXPECT THIS TOTAL TO HOLD. PLEASE ADD HOUSE BILL 277 TO THE LIST OF BILLS WHICH PASSED ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE SESSION. MNS REGRETS THE ERROR.) 07504

(COMPLICATED SURGERY PERFORMED IN PONAPE)

PONAPE, MARCH 13 (MNS)---SEVERAL COMPLICATED OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT THE PONAPE DISTRICT HOSPITAL THIS MONTH, INCLUDING CHEST AND LUNG SURGERY BELIEVED NEVER BEFORE PERFORMED IN MICRONESIA, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM NEWS REPORTERS FOR WSZD RADIO IN KOLONIA.

DR. PIETER HITEMA OF THE PONAPE MEDICAL STAFF REPORTED ON THE SURGERY IN A LETTER TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEO A. FALCAM. "I BELIVE WE HAVE THREE FIRSTS, NOT ONLY FOR PONAPE DISTRICT BUT ALSO FOR MICRONESIA," DR. HUITEMA WROTE. "A YOUNG BOY HAD BEEN SHOT AND REQUIRED RESECTION OF A LARGE PART OF HIS LIVER. THIS WAS DONE DURING EMERGENCY SURGERY, AND THE PATIENT IS DOING WELL. IN ANOTHER CASE, A KUSAIE PATIENT HAD RECEIVED AN ARTIFICIAL PACEMAKER (FOR THE HEART) TWO YEARS AGO IN HONOLULU. THIS PACEMAKER STARTED TO FAIL. IT WAS SUCCESSFULLY REPLACED BY A NEW UNIT, FLOWN IN FROM HONOLULU, MAKING AIR EVACUATION UNNECESSARY. THE PATIENT IS DOING WELL. AND A PONAPEAN MAN WITH A LONGSTANDING SEVERE TUBERCULOSIS OF ONE LUNG AND MUCH LESS INVOLVEMENT OF THEOTHER ONE WAS OPERATED ON AND (ONE LUNG WAS REMOVED). THE PATIENT IS RECOVERING WELL."

DR. HITEMA SAID ALL THREE OPERATIONS WERE PERFORMED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DR. TOM DEMEESTER, A CARDIO-PULMONARY SURGEON WITH TRIPLER ARMY HOSPITAL IN HAWAII, WHO FLEW TO PONAPE TO HELP SET UP THE REQUIRED MACHINERY FOR DOING CHEST SURGERY.

"WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL HELP GIVEN BY DR. TOM DEMEESTER AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE PROGRAM OF EARLY PULMONARY EVALUATION...FOLLOWED WHERE NECESSARY BY LUNG SURGERY," DR. HITEMA TOLD DISTAD FALCAM. HE SAID THE PONAPE MEDICAL STAFF ALSO HOPES TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM OF SERVICING AND REPLACING EXISTING PACEMAKERS IN MICRONESIAN PATIENTS. "THE PRIMARY INSTALLATION OF PACEMAKERS," HE NOTED, "WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL PONAPE HAS A CARDIOLOGIST OR INTERNIST AND THE NECESSARY HARDWARE TO DO THE INITIAL COMPLETE CARDIA WORKUP."

THE WSZD REPORT SAID IT IS THE FEELING OF THE DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT THAT THERE IS A NUMBER OF PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY WITH TUBERCULOSIS, BUT ALSO WITH CANCER OF THE LUNG AND OTHER DISEASES, THAT WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF CHEST SURGERY PERFORMED IN MICRONESIA. DR. HUITEMA SAID HE, DR. DEMEESTER AND ANOTHER MEDICAL OFFICIAL HAD SEEN A NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR TESTING IN PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE SURGERY.

"THE DISEASES OF THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE TOO FAR ADVANCED TO TOLERATE SURGICAL TREATMENT," HE STATED. "THEREFORE WE WOULD (WANT TO) SEE THE PEOPLE EARLIER IN A STAGE IN WHICH SURGICAL CURE IS STILL POSSIBLE." HE TOLD THE DISTAD THAT FOR THIS REASON A "BRONCHOSCOPY" SERVICE, FOR EXAMINATION OF THE LUNGS, HAS BEEN SET UP IN PONAPE TO AID IN THE EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF PATIENTS WHO MIGHT REQUIRE CHEST SURGERY.

(OKINAWA SUSPENSION APPROVED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 13 (FROM UPI)---UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED WEDNESDAY (MARCH 13) FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT THE U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) HAS APPROVED THE REQUEST OF CONTINENTAL/AIR MICRONESIA FOR A SUSPENSION OF SERVICE BETWEEN SAIPAN AND OKINAWA.

THE AIRLINE MADE THE REQUEST LAST MONTH AS A FUEL SAVING MOVE, POINTING OUT THAT THE SERVICE WAS VERY POORLY UTILIZED. A CONTINENTAL/AIR MICRONESIA 727 JET MADE THE ROUNDTRIP BETWEEN GUAM, SAIPAN AND OKINAWA ONCE A WEEK, AND

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THE CAB IN ITS RULING NOTED THAT ONLY ABOUT NINE PASSENGERS PER FLIGHT, ON THE AVERAGE, WERE BOARDING THE PLANE AT OKINAWA FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT TO SAIPAN.

THESE PASSENGERS AND OTHER WISHING TO REACH OKINAWA FROM SAIPAN CAN MAKE SURE OF THE TWA SERVICE FROM GUAM, THE CAB NOTED.

THE REDUCED OKINAWA SERVICE IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE PLANNED THIS YEAR BY AIR MICRONESIA BECAUSE OF INCREASING LOSSES INCURRED BY HIGH FUEL COSTS. THE AIRLINE ALSO HAS PENDING BEFORE THE CAB A REQUEST FOR AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD FARE INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 22 PER CENT.

(ONE APPLICATION RECEIVED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 13 (MNS)---ONLY ONE NEW APPLICATION FOR A FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT WAS RECEIVED LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY OF FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY PROVIDED TO MNS EACH WEEK BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE APPLICATION COMES FROM PALMER, WIGGS AND HESTON, INC., A PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM WHICH WANTS TO DO BUSINESS IN PALAU, YAP, TRUK, PONAPE AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE FIRM ALREADY HAS A PERMIT TO OPERATE IN THE MARIANAS, AND RAMON DIAZ OF SAIPAN IS THE TRUST TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY. THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE FIVE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE ONLY OTHER ACTIVITY DURING THE WEEK WAS APPROVAL OF A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING BUSINESS PERMIT, CORRECTING A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN THE PERMIT OF MICRONESIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION, WHICH OPERATES IN THE MARIANAS.

(TT PROGRAMS GET OEO GRANT)

SAIPAN, MARCH 12 (MNS)---GUAM REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, ANTONIO B. WON PAT, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (OEO) HAS AWARDED TWO COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM GRANTS FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, IT WAS REPORTED IN THE MARCH 12 ISSUE OF PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM HAS BEEN ALLOCATED \$39,250. IT WAS REPORTED THAT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON INDICATED THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE USED THE NEXT THREE MONTHS TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE TERRITORIAL PROGRAM. PROJECT DIRECTOR IS HERMAN R. GUERRERO.

THE OTHER GRANT TOTTALLING \$39,250, WAS AWARDED TO THE PALAU COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IN KOROR. THE THREE-MONTH REFUNDING GRANT WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY'S PROGRAMS HEADED BY PETER T. SUGIYAMA, THE NEWSPAPER REPORT SAID.

(SAIPAN BUSINESSMAN VISITS U.S.)

SAIPAN, MARCH 13 (MNS)---A YOUNG SAIPAN BUSINESSMAN, TITO M. SABLAN, HAS LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE WILL SPEND EIGHT WEEKS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNDER THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GROUP EXCHANGE PROGRAM. NOMINATED BY THE SAIPAN ROTARY CLUB TO REPRESENT GROUP 11, DISTRICT 358 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, SABLAN WAS SELECTED TO MAKE THE TRIP FROM A GROUP OF FIVE CANDIDATES FROM THE THREE GROUP 11 ROTARY CLUBS. OTHER NOMINEES WERE FROM THE TWO GUAM ROTARY CLUBS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELEVEN GROUPS WHICH COMPRISE DISTRICT 358 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL LEFT TOKYO MARCH 11 FOR LOS ANGELES. THEY WILL RETURN HOME ON MAY 2. DURING THEIR EIGHT-WEEK STAY IN THE U.S., THEY WILL VISIT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS,

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THE FORD MOTOR CO., SEARS, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE PACIFIC COAST STOCK EXCHANGE, SUNKIST GROWERS, THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT AND SEVERAL CITY AND COUNTRY OF LOS ANGELES GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES. THERE WILL BE SOME TIME FOR RELAXATION, TOO, AS THE STUDY EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS VISIT LAS VEGAS, DISNEYLAND AND TAKE IN A MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME. THEY WILL BE HOUSE GUESTS OF LOS ANGELES AREA ROTARIANS DURING THEIR STAY.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING YOUNG BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDYING ANOTHER COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS, THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN AN ORGANIZED PROGRAM OF STUDY AND DISCUSSION IN THE COUNTRY CONCERNED. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROGRAM FURTHERS INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, AND INVOLVES ROTARIANS IN A SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL AND MEANINGFUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT, A ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT STATED.

IN NOMINATING SABLAN AS AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF SAIPAN, THE SAIPAN ROTARY CLUB POINTED OUT THAT FOR MANY YEARS SAIPAN'S ECONOMY HAS BEEN GOVERNMENT-ORIENTED AND THAT ONLY RECENTLY HAS PRIVATE BUSINESS BEGUN TO EMERGE AND DEVELOP TO ANY EXTENT. THE SAIPAN ROTARIANS ADDED, "WE FEEL THAT OUTSIDE EXPOSURE OF OUR BUSINESS LEADERS CAN HAVE A HIGHLY BENEFICIAL LONG RANGE EFFECT ON LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEPENDABLE SERVICES TO OUR LOCAL POPULATION."

SABLAN IS GENERAL MANAGER OF SABLAN ENTERPRISES, WHICH IS PRIMARILY A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BUT ALSO INCLUDES A RETAIL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS STORE, AUTOMOTIVE GARAGE, GASOLINE SERVICE STATION, AND HOLLOW CONCRETE BLOCK MANUFACTURING. HE WAS BORN ON SAIPAN IN 1948 AND ATTENDED MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL. SABLAN IS A UNIVERSITY OF GUAM GRADUATE.