

(COLEMAN SIGNS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL)

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SAIPAN, MARCH 29 (MNS) - THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL SOON HOLD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR A MORE INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR MICRONESIA.

THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL FRIDAY (MARCH 29) BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD AT HIS OFFICE ON SAIPAN. PRESENT AT THE HISTORIC OCCASION WERE N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR., THE HICOM'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, STRIK YOMA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE.

IN SIGNING S.B. 32 ON BEHALF OF HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, WHO IS IN WASHINGTON, COLEMAN SAID: "THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA BUT ALSO FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THESE ISLANDS." THE DEPUTY HICOM SAID, "WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MOMENT WHEN A GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WILL HOLD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT."

COLEMAN NOTED THAT THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY THE JOINT COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE INTERIOR EXPENSES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

"I REGRET THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS NOT HERE TODAY TO SIGN THE BILL, SOMETHING THAT HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO DO HIMSELF: SO ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE HICOM, I AM NOW SIGNING THE BILL," COLEMAN SAID.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL IS SEEN BY MANY AS THE MOST IMPORTANT BILL PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING ITS 1974 SESSION. THE MEASURE HAD BEEN TWICE INTRODUCED IN THE CONGRESS BUT FAILED TO PASS MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF FUNDS.

ACCORDING TO THE BILL, THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON SAIPAN, PROBABLY BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 1974, AND JULY 30, 1975, FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING NINETY DAYS, BEGINNING ON A DATE TO BE SET BY THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE. THE CONVENTION, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, WILL HAVE 63 DELEGATES, ALL TT CITIZENS. FORTY-TWO OF THE DELEGATES ARE TO BE SELECTED BY POPULAR VOTE ON JUNE 4TH: FOUR DELEGATES FROM THE MARIANAS DISTRICT; NINE FROM THE MARSHALLS; FIVE FROM PALAU; NINE FROM PONAPE; 12 FROM TRUK; AND THREE FROM YAP DISTRICT.

EACH DISTRICT DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL APPOINT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE CONVENTION, OR A TOTAL OF SIX FROM THE CONGRESS. IN ADDITION, 12 NON-VOTING DELEGATES, TWO FROM EACH DISTRICT ARE TO BE SELECTED BY TRADITIONAL CHIEFS. SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30 OF THIS YEAR, THE LAW SAYS.

ACCORDING TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAW, A PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE WILL MEET PRIOR TO JULY 31, 1974, TO FORMULATE THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE ACTUAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. THE MANDATE OF THE CONVENTION IS TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA, WITH ADEQUATE PROVISIONS FOR THE EXERCISE OF LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS IN ANY FORM THAT PERMITS FREE DEMOCRATIC EXPRESSION OF THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE. AFTER THE DRAFTING PHASE OF THE CONSTITUTION IS COMPLETED, IT WILL BE SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIM TO SET A DATE ON WHICH THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE PUT TO A VOTE IN A REFERENDUM OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO EITHER APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE IT. IF APPROVED, IT WILL PROVIDE THE BASIC OUTLINES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA.

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RESPONSIBLE FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IS THE HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF

LAUNCHING A PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. THE PROGRAM IS AIMED AT PREPARING THE PEOPLE NOT ONLY FOR THE UPCOMING REFERENDUM, BUT ALSO FOR THE EVENTUAL PLEBESCITE TO CHOOSE THE TYPE OF GOVERNMENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN THE FUTURE.

IN ITS REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL, THE TASK FORCE RECOGNIZES THAT THIS IS A "GREAT STEP TOWARD MORE SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA." THE TASK FORCE NOTES THE IMPORTANT STEPS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN TO PREPARE MICRONESIA FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT, BEGINNING WITH THE CREATION OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LEGISLATURES AND FINALLY THE FORMATION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN 1965, SOMETHING WHICH GIVES MORE "SAY SO" TO MICRONESIANS IN MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR LIVES.

WHILE NOTHING THE CONSTITUTION WILL GUARANTEE A "DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT" FOR MICRONESIA, THE TASK FORCE ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL IS TO "PROVIDE MORE AUTONOMY FOR INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA, PREPARING THE PEOPLE FOR THE EVENTUAL TERMINATION OF THE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT."

THE TASK FORCE WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE CONSTITUTION "IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS" NOW BEING HELD BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES FOR A FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE AIMED AT MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF POLITICAL STATUS OF THE TERRITORY.

THE TASK FORCE NOTES THAT CONGRESS RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH IN MICRONESIA. SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MICRONESIAN YOUTH IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE PROVISIONS THAT SET THE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDACY AT 18. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT NEARLY HALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TT ARE UNDER 20, THE PRESENCE OF THE "YOUNGER GENERATION" IN THE CONVENTION COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE FINAL PRODUCT, IT WAS NOTED.

THE TASK FORCE ADDS: "THE CONSTITUTION WILL DEFINE THE RELATIONS OF THE DISTRICTS WITH A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND WILL REPRESENT THE PEOPLE'S DESIRES IN ESTABLISHING THE TYPE OF GOVERNMENT WHICH IS COMPATIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS."

IN CONCLUSION, THE TASK FORCE SAYS THAT "AT NO OTHER TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THESE ISLANDS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF WESTERN INFLUENCE WITH THE COMING OF THE SPANISH EXPLORERS HAVE THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE HAD THE PROMISE OF SO MUCH CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN DESTINY."

(HEFNER IS NEW HIGH COURT JUSTICE)

SAIPAN, MARCH 29 (NS) --- WORD WAS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON FRIDAY (MARCH 29) THAT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. MORTON HAS APPOINTED FORMER TRUST TERRITORY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT A. HEFNER, 44, TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT ON THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT AS AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE. HEFNER WILL BE THE FOURTH HIGH COURT JUSTICE, AND WILL BE BASED IN KOROR, PALAU.

HEFNER IS A CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY WHO HAS ALSO SERVED BRIEFLY AS A JUDGE PRO TEMPORE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. HE LEFT THE TRUST TERRITORY IN MARCH, 1971 TO RETURN TO HIS PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE IN ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA AFTER ONE YEAR AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND TWO YEARS AS AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN SOMETIME NEXT WEEK TO TAKE UP HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.

"I AM VERY, VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING BOB OUT HERE," SAID HIGH COURT CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT UPON HEARING THE NEWS FRIDAY MORNING. "I'VE KNOWN BOB FOR MANY YEARS, AND

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I THINK HE WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT JUDGE. HE WAS AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE LAWYER, AND I THINK HE'S GOING TO BE A GOOD, FIRM, FAIR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE."

BURNETT, WHO HAS ADVOCATED CREATION OF ANOTHER SEAT ON THE TT HIGH COURT FOR SEVERAL YEARS BECAUSE OF THE BACKLOG OF CASES, SAID THAT ESSENTIALLY HEFNER'S APPOINTMENT WILL MEAN TWO THINGS. "FIRST, WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GIVE A GREAT DEAL MORE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE ROUTINE TRIAL LOAD. AND WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF A GREAT DEAL MORE OF THE APPELLATE LOAD WITHOUT HAVING TO RELY ON GUAM JUDGES...."

THE CHIEF JUSTICE ADDED: "WITH A FOURTH MAN ON THE COURT WE SHOULD BE REASONABLE CURRENT IN OUR WORKLOAD WITHIN A YEAR."

IN A PRESS RELEASE FROM WASHINGTON ANNOUNCING HEFNER'S APPOINTMENT, THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT THE FORMER A.T.G. RECEIVED A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHORTLY AFTER HE COMPLETED HIS SERVICE IN MICRONESIA.

A NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES, HEFNER WAS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT AND RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES (UCLA) TO TAKE A DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1955. HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE AT UCLA LAW SCHOOL IN 1958.

LONG ACTIVE IN BAR ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HEFNER WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF THE ESCONDIDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION, AND WAS SELECTED AS THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN OF THE YEAR FOR 1964, CITY OF ESCONDIDO, BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

HE HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE ALL COURTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AND THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. HEFNER IS MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN.

(PALAU SENATOR CRITICIZES ESG)

PALAU, MARCH 29 (MNS)---PALAU'S SENATOR RAMON TMETUHL WAS CRITICAL OF THE CURRENT PROGRAM OF EDUCATION FOR SELF-SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA. IN REMARKS DELIVERED EARLIER THIS WEEK AT GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR DENTAL NURSING STUDENTS AT THE MICRONESIAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTRAL IN KOROR.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM PALAU INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRYDOL, SENATOR TMETUHL TURNED QUICKLY TO MATTERS OF POLITICAL STATUS AND POLITICAL EDUCATION AFTER CONGRATULATING THE GRADUATES.

"AS YOU KNOW, THE WORLD'S TENTH TRUSTEESHIP IS NOW BEING DISMANTLED," THE SENATOR SAID IN HIS JOIN BRIEF REMARKS, "AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL IN LESS THAN A YEAR JOIN THE INDEPENDENT NATIONS OF THE WORLD.....THUS MICRONESIA WILL HAVE THE DISTINATION OF BEING THE LAST OF THE WORLD'S COLONIES TO BE STILL GOVERNED THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS.

SENATOR TMETUHL CONTINUED BY SAYING: "I HOPE THAT THIS DISTINCTION WILL WAKE US UP FROM OUR PEACEFUL REST UNDER THE COCONUT TREES AND SPUR US TO LIBERATE OURSELVES."

IN THE AREA OF POLITICAL EDUCATION, THE PALAU LAWMAKERS STATED THAT THE PRESENT PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT, WHICH ARE BEING BROADCAST AND PUBLICIZED THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA, ARE PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ARE, IN HIS OPINION, DESIGNED TO EITHER "MISLEAD OR CONFUSE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA." HE FURTHER STATED IN PART THAT IF YOU STUDY THEM CAREFULLY YOU WILL FIND THAT THEY ONLY ENHANCE AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THESE ISLANDS

SENATOR TMETUHL SAID THAT THE GOAL OF ANY POLITICAL EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA SHOULD BE TO INSTILL IN THE MICRONESIAN A SENSE OF PRIDE IN HIMSELF AND IN HIS ABILITY TO CHANGE HIS

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ENVIRONMENT TO MEET HIS NEEDS AND INTERESTS AND TO COME TO TERMS WITH HIMSELF.

(MARIANAS COMMISSION TO VISIT GUAM)

SAIPAN, MARCH 29 (MNS)--- MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE GUAM POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO MEET WITH GUAM'S COMMISSION FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS RELATIVE TO THE OVERALL POLITICAL STATUS ISSUES, ACCORDING TO SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

THE MARIANAS COMMISSION WILL DEPART SAIPAN SATURDAY (MARCH 30) AND WILL RETURN TO SAIPAN SUNDAY MORNING (MARCH 31). SENATOR PANGELINAN SAID ALL 15 MEMBERS WILL MAKE THE TRIP TO GUAM. GUAM'S SENATOR FRANK LUJAN HEADS THE GUAM POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

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can we get an update from M. Lebowitz before the next round?
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(UYEHARA MEMORIAL)

SAIPAN, MARCH 29 (MNS)--- THE FAMILY AND THE REMAINS OF THE LATE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER, HARRY UYEHARA, WERE TO LEAVE SAIPAN FRIDAY (MARCH 29) FOR HONOLULU FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TOLD MNS THIS WEEK.

UYEHARA DIED SUDDENLY ON SAIPAN MONDAY AFTERNOON (MAR. 25) AFTER BECOMING ILL DURING THE NIGHT.

MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN HONOLULU SUNDAY AFTERNOON (MAR. 31) WHILE BURIAL WILL BE AT THE PUNCHBOWL NATIONAL CEMETERY ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

UYEHARA JOINED THE TT GOVERNMENT IN 1945 AS A TRANSLATOR AND HELD VARIOUS JOBS INCLUDING RESEARCH ANTHROPOLOGIST, EDUCATION SPECIALIST, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF YAP, AND FINALLY SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER'S POSITION AT HEADQUARTERS. UYEHARA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARIANNE, AND FOUR CHILDREN.

(DAIRY CATTLE ON TINIAN)

SAIPAN, MARCH 29 (MNS)---MORE THAN 700 DAILY CATTLE WILL ARRIVE ON TINIAN ISLANDS SUNDAY (MARCH 31), ACCORDING TO HOWARD BOWIE, MANAGER OF SAIPAN'S ROYAL TAGA HOTEL. THE CATTLE, ARRIVING BY SHIP, ARE FROM NEW ZEALAND AND WERE PURCHASED BY KEN JONES, HEAD OF THE MARIANAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC) ON TINIAN.

BOWIE, SPEAKING FOR MDC, SAID THE CATTLE WILL BE USED TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT FRESH MILK AND BUTTER ON TINIAN TO SATISFY THE DEMAND FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS FOR THE ENTIRE TRUST TERRITORY. DAIRY EXPERTS FROM NEW ZEALAND ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON TINIAN TO HELP IN THE SET-UP OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY ON TINIAN WILL START WITHINT SIX MONTHS IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL. BOWIE SAID A BUILDING FOR THE DAIRY IS NOW READY FOR CONSTRUCTION.

IN ADDITION TO THE 719 CATTLE THAT WILL ARRIVE, BOWIE ALSO SAID NINE HORSES, THREE DOGS, AND FIVE SHEEP WILL ALSO BE ON BOARD THE SHIP. LOCAL DIGNITARIES INCLUDING THE MAYOR OF TININIAN, JONES, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AGRICULTURE DIVISION, VETERINARIAN WILLIAM SMITH, AND MARIANAS DISTRICT AGRICULTURIST LES WEAVER WILL BE ON HAND TO MEET THE SHIP.

(FOREIGN INVESTMENT RESTRICTION LIFTED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 29 (MNS)---"I BELIEVE THAT FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTMENT CAN PLAY A MUCH NEEDED ROLE IN MICRONESIA IN ENHANCING THE PROSPERITY OF OUR PEOPLE, THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES, INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT AND GENERALLY RAISING THE STANDARD OF LIVING.

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"I FEEL THAT ALL EFFORTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NEEDS, DESIRES, CAPABILITIES AND ABILITIES OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE. HOWEVER, MICRONESIA SHOULD NOT BE RELUCTANT TO BENEFIT FROM CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY AND SKILLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY SO LONG AS THEY WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE MICRONESIANS." THOSE WERE THE WORDS OF EUSEBIO RECHUCHER, TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, COMMENTING THIS WEEK ON THE LIFTING OF THE "MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE" SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 1.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY INTERIOR SECRETARY ROGERS C.B. MORTON EARLIER THIS YEAR REMOVED THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT'S "MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE" WHICH WAS INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT CITIZENS OF COMPANIES OF THE UNITED STATES WERE THE ONLY FOREIGNERS THAT COULD APPLY FOR PERMITS TO DO BUSINESS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. NOW, WITH THE LIFTING OF THAT CLAUSE, INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES FROM ANY NATION CAN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND, IF APPROVED, CAN DO BUSINESS IN THE DISTRICT TO WHICH THEY APPLY.

RECHUCHER SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S DIVISION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ON INFORMATION AND POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS SINCE MORTON'S ANNOUNCEMENT. HE INDICATED THAT MOST OF THE INQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED FROM JAPAN, KOREA, TAIWAN AND THE PHILIPPINES. HE ADDED THAT TWO AREAS THAT THE BUSINESSMEN ARE MOST INTERESTED IN ARE TOURISM AND FISHING.

ASKED WHETHER ANY NEW PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN DEVISED TO BE USE AS GUIDELINES FOR THE FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS, THE R&D DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS WILL USE THE PROCEDURES NOW IN PRACTICE. "OUR LAWS CONCERNING FOREIGN BUSINESS ARE VERY RESTRICTIVE COMPARED WITH OTHER PACIFIC TERRITORIES," RECHUCHER DECLARED.

THE HEADQUARTERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IS PREPARED TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES TO SEE THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE MICRONESIANS ARE PROTECTED, RECHUCHER POINTED OUT. "HOWEVER, WE WILL ASK THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS FOR COOPERATION IN MAKING A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN EACH DISTRICT AND TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THEIR DISTRICT," RECHUCHER TOLD MNS.

WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS, RECHUCHER ANTICIPATES AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IN THE FUTURE. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO THE TRUST TERRITORY? "ACTUALLY, IT WILL DO A LOT OF GOOD, BUT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO SEE TO IT THAT THE INTEREST OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF LAND, SHOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS BUT MICRONESIANS AS WELL, THROUGH SOME KIND OF JOINT VENTURE OF SHARED OWNERSHIP," RECHUCHER SAID.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NEW GUIDELINES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT WHICH RECHUCHER OFFERED AS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT:

1) WE SHALL TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE EFFECT OF THE NEW FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICY ON THE RIGHTS OF MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IN WHOSE RESOURCES AND LANDS WEALTH LIES.

2) WE SHALL CONTINUE TO REGARD THE ANALYSIS AND WISHES OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS WHICH REVIEW FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROPOSALS TO BE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THE FINAL DECISION ON ANY INVESTMENT.

3) WE WELCOME OUTSIDE INVESTMENT BUT IT SHOULD BE BASED ON MAXIMUM MICRONESIAN PARTICIPATION AND TERMS WHICH KEEP THE CONTROL OF OUR LANDS, RESOURCES, AND INDUSTRIES IN THE HANDS OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE.

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4) WE WELCOME THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND ANY OF THE WORLD'S COMMUNITY OF NATIONS TO JOIN OUR PROJECTS ON AN EQUAL BASIS AND TO PROVIDE TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL, BUT NOT TO HAVE PERMANENT OWNERSHIP.

5) WE SHALL ENCOURAGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICRONESIANS TO SHARE IN THE OWNERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ISLANDS, FOR THEM TO UTILIZE CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY AND SKILLS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY IN ORDER TO SERVE THE BESTS INTERESTS OF THE MICRONESIANS.

6) PRIORITY INVESTMENT AREAS SHALL BE DESIGNATED IN A DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO BE PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL BY THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS. THESE INVESTMENTS SHALL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE FOR ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC LANDS OVER OTHER INVESTMENTS.

7) ABOVE ALL WE SHALL KEEP IN MIND THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICRONESIANS IS CRUCIAL TO THE ATTAINMENT OF SOCIAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES, AND WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE PRICIPLE THAT MICRONESIAN EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION.