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U.N. Envoy Visits TT

SAIPAN (MNS) -- Ambassador Barbara White, the new U.S. representative to the U.N. Trusteeship Council, arrived on Saipan Friday to begin a two-week familiarization tour of Micronesia.

The ambassador is a career foreign service officer who previously served in Latin America and Italy. She was named to her present post at the U.S. mission to the United Nations in New York last May, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in October.

The main purpose of her visit to the territory is to "listen and to learn" from the Micronesian leaders and the people of Micronesia about their political, economic and social conditions in preparation for the next session of the Trusteeship Council scheduled for May 28.

Ms. White was formerly with the U.S. Information Agency and is now a ranking, senior ambassador in the U.S. mission to the United Nations.

She received her bachelor's degree at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts in 1941 and her master's degree at

Radcliffe, also in Massachusetts, in 1962.

She will remain on Saipan for about a week and will then continue on with her trip to the rest of the Trust Territory.