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(COSTIGAN MEETS HUD OFFICIALS) 1975
SAIPAN, JANUARY 3. (MNS) --- FATHER HUGH F. COSTIGAN OF PONAPE RETURNED RECENTLY FROM AN OFFICIAL VISIT WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

SPEAKING AS AN EMISSARY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HOUSING COMMISSION, COSTIGAN REVIEWED THE CURRENT EFFORTS OF THE NEW HOUSING COMMISSION AND THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PARTICIPATE UNDER THE U.S. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.

HUD SECRETARY JAMES T. LYNN (RECENTLY NAMED BUDGET DIRECTOR BY PRESIDENT FORD) AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELDON B. LUBAR TALKED FOR OVER AN HOUR ABOUT HOW BOTH RURAL AND DISTRICT CENTER LOW-COST HOUSING PROGRAMS COULD BE EXPANDED WITH FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE. LONGER MEETINGS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUBAR FOLLOWED REGARDING PRODUCTION STRATEGIES AND PROBLEMS.

ACCORDING TO HOUSING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN WILLIAM ALLEN, BOTH HUD OFFICIALS WERE REMARKABLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN MICRONESIA. HE SAID FATHER COSTIGAN ALSO MET WITH ANOTHER WASHINGTON HUD OFFICIAL, MORRIS SHRODER, WHO TOGETHER WITH GARY KAHN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO HUD REGIONAL OFFICE ATTENDED THE TRUST TERRITORY HOUSING AUTHORITY WORKSHOP AT PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHOOL LAST JULY.

"COSTIGAN ASSURED ME THAT HUD IS DEFINITELY READY TO HELP THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE RESPONSIBILITY IS NOW OURS TO PUT TOGETHER A WELL THOUGHT OUT APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE THAT MEETS OUR PRESENT MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY," ALLEN SAID.

(PONAPE CONCON DELEGATES SCHEDULE VILLAGE VISITS)
PONAPE, JAN 3 (MNS) --- MEMBERS OF THE PONAPE DELEGATION TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION MET THIS WEEK FOR DISCUSSIONS ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT SUBJECTS. AMONG THEM WAS THE TIMETABLE ON MUNICIPAL AND VILLAGE VISITS THROUGHTOUT PONAPE PROPER, ACCORDING TO HALVERSON JOHNNY, PONAPE BROADCAST STATION MANAGER.

THE SCHEDULED VISITS WILL BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF VISITS THE PONAPE CONCON DELEGATION HOPES TO MAKE BEFORE THE CONVENTION OPENS IN JULY OF THIS YEAR ON SAIPAN.

THE SCHEDULE OF VISITS CALLS FOR STARTING IN THE KOLONIA TOWN, SOKEHS, KITTI, MADOLENIHMW, UH AND NETT RESPECTIVELY. SCHEDULED MEETINGS ON THE OUTER ISLANDS OF PONAPE WILL BE CONDUCTED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF MEETINGS IN PONAPE PROPER.

WHILE HOLDING THESE MEETINGS, THE PONAPE DELEGATION WILL ASSESS PEOPLES NEEDS AND OPINIONS REGARDING A GUTURE CONSTITUTION OF MICRONESIA, JOHNNY REPORTS.

(COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD MEETING)
SAIPAN, JANUARY 3 (MNS) --- MEMBERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD (CSB) WILL HOLD THEIR REGULAR MEETING BEGINNING MONDAY (JANUARY 6-7), ACCORDING TO THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN WILLIAM H. STEWART.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM ON SAIPAN. TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE TWO-DAY MEETING INCLUDE: CSB TO FINANCE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON COPRA PROCESSING; DISCUSSION TO ELECT CHAIRMAN FROM BOARD MEMBERS; EXPLANATION OF CSB GUARANTEE OF UNITED MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION'S LINE OF CREDIT FROM BANK OF AMERICA; CSB NEW CONTRACT POSSIBILITIES AFTER NOVEMBER 1975 AND OTHER MATTERS.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ADDITION TO STEWART ARE: JESUS MAFNAS, TREASURER; G. DUDLEY DAMBACHER, KASIANO JOSEPH, BERMIN WEILBACHER, ELIAS OKAMURA, JACOB SAWAICHI, ANDREW HISEAH, CHIRO ALBERT AND KUNAR ABNER.