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From: Dick Wyttenbach *RW*  
To: Amb Williams  
Thru: C.A. Schmitz *W*

Subj: Fishing vessel seizure in Palau.

You asked what action was taken or is being contemplated in regard to the Marianas Fishing Corp. vessel seized in Palau which triggered Sen. Pete Tenorio's message of protest.

DOTA sent a cable on 16 Oct to the HICOM requesting a report "soonest" on the seizure and action being taken and directing the HICOM office to resolve the situation. The cable also directed the HICOM to pass to Pete Tenorio that his message was received and that action is being taken by the TT Headquarters by the HICOM.

DOTA has not yet received any report back from the HICOM. DOTA will let me know when they do. Additionally, I will ask Alf on our next phone call to see what has been done to resolve the issue.

The Marianas Variety News of Oct 3 (copy attached) states that Pete Tenorio is an incorporator of the Marianas Fishing Corp. involved. He therefore has a personal financial interest in the seizure.

I will keep you informed on the developments.

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Honolulu. Funeral sources said.

# FISHING BOAT CHARTERED BY SAPIANESE

## ARRESTED

SAIPAN- A foreign fishing vessel under the charter of the Northern Marianas Fishing Authority Inc. has been detained and its fishing master and master of the vessel arrested Saturday (September 27) in Palau for having giant clam muscles and trochus on board, both of which are illegal to remove from the ocean.

In a memo from the District Attorney on Palau to the Attorney General's office, it was stated that the foreign crew of the Yayi No. 2 apparently took the marine lives at Kesol Reef at Kanyangel Municipality. Although the vessel has a TT charter and

an import-export license, the memo indicated that the District of Palau has previously indicated opposition over such business activity in Palau premises by the Yayi No. 2.

Keith Andrews, an attorney for the AG's office stated that probably the crew will be fined in the matter and released. He stated he did not expect that the vessel will be confiscated.

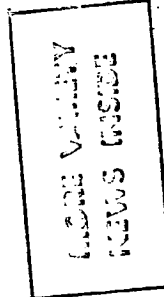
The Northern Marianas Fishing Corporation Inc. a Saipan based business was issued a TT charter on May 6, 1975. Its incorporators include Cornelio Castro, Benigno Fejeran, Vicente Attao and Pedro A.

the cleanup and rehabilitation project and set guidelines on how the money should be used.

The United States Military removed about 150 people from Enewetak to Ujelang Atoll

Tenorio. In the "bareboat" charter which the Yayi No.2 is under, the boat is under the sole control of the charterer, stated Andrews and the charterer operates the boat but it bears the flag of the owner.

Earlier this year, Senator Pedro A. Tenorio, one of the incorporators was accused of business dealings with a Hawaiian fishing venture but he denied any involvement at that time.

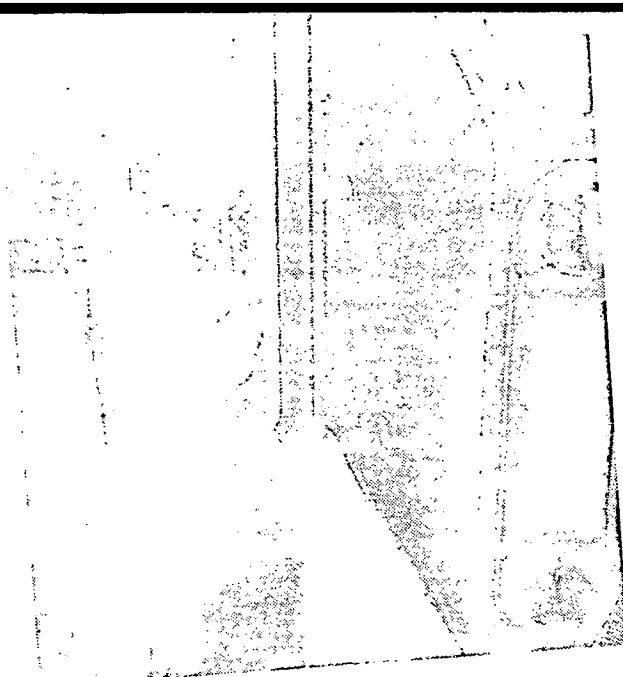


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to those possessed rights in a Sub-Committee on Enewetak, some of which was distributed directly to those persons, with the remainder placed in a trust fund with interest accrued from the project.



Left without windshield, Mr. Tenorio at the road-shooting incident near Antonio Village. See story on page 2