

(JCFS MEETING)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (CON)---A SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY CREATED JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATUS AND TRANSITION AND THE OUTGOING JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS COMMENCED HERE ON TUESDAY (MAY 25) AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE MEETINGS ARE PRIMARILY BEING HELD IN PREPARATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON SAIPAN ON MAY 28 OR JUNE 1.

(CAB AGAIN RECOMMENDS CONTINENTAL FOR SAIPAN-JAPAN LINK)

WASHINGTON, MAY 26 (MRS)---THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) AGAIN HAS RECOMMENDED THAT CONTINENTAL AIRLINES BE AUTHORIZED TO FLY BETWEEN SAIPAN AND JAPAN. THE VOTE WAS 3-0 WITH TWO MEMBERS ABSTAINING, ACCORDING TO GANNETT NEWS SERVICE.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE CONTROVERSIAL FOUR-YEAR OLD CASE INVOLVES FLIGHTS TO A FOREIGN NATION PRESIDENT FORD MUST MAKE THE FINAL DECISION. THE CAB MADE ITS DECISION LAST WEEK ON FRIDAY (MAY 22).

THE CAB SAID IT AGAIN IS RECOMMENDING CONTINENTAL BECAUSE "THERE IS LITTLE INCENTIVE TO ENCOURAGE JAPANESE TOURISTS TO TRAVEL TO U.S. TERRITORIES." THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE, THE BOARD SAID, BECAUSE JAL ALREADY IS FLYING FROM JAPAN TO GUAM AND "SAIPAN TRAFFIC WILL, AT LEAST IN PART, BE DIVERTED FROM JAPAN AIR LINE'S EXISTING GUAM SERVICE.

"INDEED, A DECISION NOT TO AUTHORIZE U.S. FLAG SERVICE WILL, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, EFFECTIVELY DEPRIVE THE MARIANAS AND THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF ANY DIRECT SERVICE TO JAPAN."

THE CAB HAD RECOMMENDED CONTINENTAL FOR THE ROUTE IN A DECISION SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AUGUST 25, 1975. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT FORD SENT THE NOTICE BACK, ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S POSSIBLE CONCERN OVER THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW CARRIER (CONTINENTAL) FOR THE ROUTE AND WHETHER THE SERVICE WOULD MAKE MONEY.

PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, THE OTHER AIRLINE SEEKING THE ROUTE, IS A MAJOR TRANSPACIFIC AIRLINE AND COMPETES WITH JAL IN GUAM-JAPAN FLIGHTS. CONTINENTAL DOES NOT NOW SERVE JAPAN.

IN MAKING THE DECISION, THE CAB REJECTED THE CLAIM BY PAN AM THAT GIVING CONTINENTAL THE SERVICE WOULD DIVERT \$3.7 MILLION IN MUCH NEEDED INCOME FROM PAN AMERICAN. THE CAB ESTIMATED THE DIVERSION TO BE \$1.5 MILLION AND SAID IT "WILL NOT SERIOUSLY WEAKEN PAN AMERICAN."

ACCORDING TO GNS, CONTINENTAL'S ALREADY-EXTENSIVE INTERESTS IN THE AREA REMAIN A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE DECISION. IT CLAIMED THAT THEY HAVE INVESTED "OVER \$32 MILLION IN ITS MICRONESIA AIR SERVICES AND RELATED HOTEL OPERATIONS."

(U. S. DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE SAIPAN THURSDAY)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---A DELEGATION HEADED BY AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS TALKS, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN THURSDAY (MAY 27) FOR CONVERSATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS HEADED BY PALAU SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN, AND MARSHALLS REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK.

THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE HAS LEARNED THAT THE FORMAL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MICRONESIAN DELEGATIONS TO COMPLETE THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON SAIPAN BEGINNING ON FRIDAY (MAY 28).

ORIGINALLY THE MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN TRUK BUT WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF TYPHOON PAMELA WHICH HIT THE DISTRICT LAST WEEK CAUSING EXTENSIVE

DAMAGE TO ROADS AND CROPS. THEN IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MEETING BE HELD ON GUAM. THAT ALSO WAS RULED OUT AFTER SUPERTYPHOON PAMELA STRUCK THE ISLAND CAUSING WIDE DESTRUCTION TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES. THE DECISION WAS THEN MADE TO HAVE THE MEETING ON SAIPAN.

SALII SAID THAT IF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA APPROVES THE COMPLETED DRAFT COMPACT IN JULY, IT WILL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER FOR A DECISION BY THE MICRONESIAN ELECTORATE. IF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE APPROVE THE DRAFT COMPACT, IT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR CONSIDERATION. IF IT IS REJECTED, THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE STATUS IN JULY OF 1977 WHEN THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

SALII DID NOT EXPLAIN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WERE TO REJECT THE DOCUMENT.

(PALAUAN VOLUNTEER FOR GUAM TYPHOON RECOVERY WORK)

GUAM, MAY 26 (MNS)---ABOUT 150-200 PALAUANS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO GO TO GUAM, LIVE WITH RELATIVES AND HELP IN RESTORATION EFFORTS, ACCORDING TO GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS TUESDAY EDITION (MAY 25).

GUAM SEN. CARL GUTIERREZ WHO WAS ON PALAU WHEN SUPERTYPHOON PAMELA HIT GUAM, SAID THAT THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE OFFERED ITS ASSISTANCE IN TYPHOON-RELIEF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SENDING 200 PALAUANS TO GUAM ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS TO HELP REBUILD THE ISLAND.

THE PALAUANS WOULD PAY THEIR OWN WAY TO GUAM IF THEY MUST, GUTIERREZ TOLD THE DAILY NEWS. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO APPROACH NAVY OFFICIALS TO SEE IF THE MILITARY COULD ARRANGE A FLIGHT FROM PALAU TO GUAM.

PALAU WAS STRUCK BY TYPHOON MARIE ON APRIL 5 WITH WINDS IN EXCESS OF 70 MILES PER HOUR AND GUSTS OF 90 MPH CAUSING AN ESTIMATED \$4 MILLION DAMAGE TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES. PRESIDENT FORD DECLARED PALAU A MAJOR DISASTER AREA.

(PALAU'S CHIEF OF POLICE RETIRES)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---PALAU DISTRICT CHIEF OF POLICE EUSEVIO TERMETEET HAD RETIRED FROM HIS POSITION AFTER SERVING THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FOR 30 YEARS. HE RETIRED TUESDAY MAY 25, HIS BIRTHDAY, AT THE AGE OF 60.

TRUST TERRITORY ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO HAS APPOINTED MARIANO SABLAN OF SAIPAN TO SERVE AS ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS DESIGNATED.

TT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MANUEL T. SABLAN SAID THAT A QUALIFIED MICRONESIAN PREFERABLY FROM PALAU DISTRICT WILL BE TRAINED TO ASSUME THE CHIEF OF POLICE POST THERE. HE ADDED THAT HE WILL GO TO HONOLULU THIS WEEK TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS FROM THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A CONSULTANT TO PALAU DISTRICT POLICE FORCE. THE CONSULTANT WILL WORK AND TRAIN THE YET-TO-BE-APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE IN ALL ASPECTS OF POLICE WORK. SABLAN EMPHASIZED THAT THE NEW CHIEF "WILL BE A PALAUAN."

IN A DISPATCH TO TERMETEET CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT, ATTORNEY GENERAL MIYAMOTO STATED: "YOUR RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE DESERVES PUBLIC RECOGNITION. I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU MY WARMEST PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LONG CAREER OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF PALAU.

"YOUR WISDOM AND STRENGTH HAVE BEEN FULLY RECOGNIZED IN CARRYING OUT YOUR DUTIES AS CHIEF OF POLICE. NOW UPON YOUR RETIREMENT, I AM SURE THESE QUALITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE MANIFESTED IN YOUR CAPACITY AS THE ACTING CHIEF REMLAI.

"IN SPITE OF THE DISTANCE THAT WILL SEPARATE US, MY WIFE AND I WILL REMEMBER THE MANY COURTESIES EXTENDED TO US AND WILL FOLLOW WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR PROGRESS AS A TRADITIONAL LEADER OF PALAU," MIYAMOTO CONCLUDED.

PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS O. REMENGESAU SAID IN HIS LETTER TO ACTING REKLAI TERMETEET: "THE PEOPLE OF PALAU HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR SERVICES AS A PUBLIC SERVANT DATING BACK TO 1946. AS YOU BEING YOUR RETIREMENT ON MAY 25, I WOULD HOPE YOU WOULD NOT CEASE TO BE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AS THE PEOPLE OF PALAU WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK TO YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP.

"...YOUR RETIREMENT IS REALLY A CHANGE ONLY IN YOUR POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY," REMENGESAU SAID IN HIS LETTER.

THE DISTAD ASKED THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT TO TAKE "ALL NECESSARY STEPS" TO EFFECT HIS RETIREMENT AND THE BENEFITS TO WHICH TERMETEET IS ENTITLED.

ACTING REKLAI TERMETEET ATTENDED JAPANESE SCHOOL FOR FIVE YEARS. HE WAS ALSO TRAINED BY THE POLICE IN JAPAN AND RECEIVED A SHORT POLICE TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES.

(BUSINESS LICENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977) (AN ANNOUNCEMENT)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---"FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977 BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976, ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF IMPORTING, EXPORTING, SELLING OF SECURITIES, BANKING, INSURANCE, CONDUCTING OR OPERATING PUBLIC UTILITIES, AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ENGAGING OR CONTINUING IN SUCH BUSINESS, SHALL OBTAIN FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, THROUGH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, A LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN OR CONDUCT SUCH BUSINESS.

ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION WHO OPERATES OR CONDUCTS BUSINESSES IN TWO OR MORE DISTRICTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OR WHO OPERATES OR CONDUCTS ANY BUSINESS WHICH CONSISTS OF A COMBINATION OF TWO OR MORE CLASSES OF BUSINESSES PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED SHALL OBTAIN A SEPARATE LICENSE FOR EACH SUCH LOCATION AND CLASS OF BUSINESS.

SINCE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THESE LICENSES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE AND ARE VALID ONLY ON A FISCAL YEAR BASIS BEGINNING JULY 1 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, HOLDERS OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR LICENSE ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR A RENEWAL.

PLEASE SEE THE DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NOW. APPROPRIATE LICENSE FEES MUST ALSO BE PAID UPON APPLICATION.