

(TYPHOON THERESE APPROACHING NORTHERN MARIANAS)

SAIPAN, JULY 13 (MNS)---TYPHOON THERESE, PACKING WINDS OF 115 MILES PER HOUR WITH GUSTS UP TO 145 MILES PER HOUR WAS LOCATED AT 12 NOON TUESDAY (JULY 13) BY NAVY RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT ABOUT 280 MILES EAST SOUTHEAST OF GUAM AND MOVING A NORTHWEST DIRECTION AT NINE MILES PER HOUR.

THE TYPHOON IS INTENSIFYING SLOWLY AS IT CHURNS ITS WAY INTO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND IS EXPECTED TO PASS BETWEEN GUAM AND ROTA WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 14), SUBJECTING THESE ISLANDS INTO A SECOND MAJOR TYPHOON IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS. GALE FORCE WINDS OF 40 MILES PER HOUR EXTEND OUTWARD 200 MILES FROM THE CENTER.

WINDS IN EXCESS OF 60 MILES PER HOUR WITH GUSTS TO 75 MILES PER HOUR IN SQUALLS AND THUNDERSTORMS ARE EXPECTED ON GUAM AND ROTA BY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

SMALL CRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF GUAM AND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, INCLUDING ROTA, TINIAN AND SAIPAN ARE ADVISED TO SEEK IMMEDIATE SAFE HARBOR DUE TO INCREASINGLY HAZARDOUS WINDS, SEAS AND SURF CONDITIONS.

THE FORECAST FOR GUAM, ROTA, TINIAN AND SAIPAN: WINDS NORTHEAST 35 MILES PER HOUR WITH GUSTS TO 45 MPH IN SQUALLS AND THUNDERSTORMS ARE EXPECTED BY 10 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT.

DURING THERESE'S CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, WINDS ON GUAM WILL BE NORTHWESTERLY AND ON ROTA NORTHEASTERLY AT 115 MPH WITH GUSTS TO 145 MPH.

NORTHERN MARIANAS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANHAM TUESDAY MORNING SET TYPHOON CONDITION THREE FOR SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA.

(ETHNIC HERITAGE PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT)

SAIPAN, JULY 13 (MNS)---THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS RECEIVED A \$39,000 ETHNIC HERITAGE GRANT, ACCORDING TO IT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI.

A TOTAL OF 49 PROPOSALS WERE APPROVED FROM AMONG 570 SUBMITTED, ACCORDING TO AN NEW NEWS REPORT, ALTHOUGH THE 570 PROPOSALS REQUESTED A TOTAL OF \$30 MILLION, ONLY \$1.8 MILLION WAS AVAILABLE, AND COMPETITION WAS KEEN, RAMARUI SAID.

THE TRUST TERRITORY'S PROPOSAL IS ENTITLED "INTERCHANGING RESOURCES TO ACTIVATE CULTURAL TIES (INTERACT). THE FOCUS OF THE PROJECT IS MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT, TEACHER TRAINING, AND STUDENT INSTRUCTION, SET AT THE 11TH GRADE THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA; THE ACTIVITIES ARE GEARED TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE REGARD FOR MICRONESIAN ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS AND CULTURES AND FOR THE MULTI-ETHNIC HERITAGE OF MICRONESIA.

THE PROJECT WILL RUN FOR ONE YEAR, RAMARUI SAID ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK.

(NO PRESENT PLANS FOR TINIAN?)

TOKYO, JULY 13 (MNS)---ADMIRAL NOEL GAYLERN, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF PACIFIC FORCES, SAID IN TOKYO, JAPAN THIS WEEK THAT HIS COMMAND HAS NO PRESENT PLANS TO USE THE WESTERN PACIFIC ISLAND OF TINIAN AS A MILITARY BASE.

TINIAN, SITE OF A DEFUNCT WORLD WAR II AIRFIELD, IS PART OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WHICH HAS BEEN GRANTED COMMONWEALTH STATUS BY THE UNITED STATES.

UNDER TERMS OF THE COVENANT GRANTING THE MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH STATUS, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO LEASE 18,000 ACRES ON TINIAN, OR TWO-THIRDS OF THE ISLANDS.

"IN POINT OF FACT, WE'RE SO BROKE WE PROBABLY WON'T DEVELOP IT (TINIAN)," GAYLER SAID. "WE'LL JUST KEEP OUR OPTIONS," HE WAS QUOTED BY UPI AS SAYING.

GAYLER SAID THAT SHOULD TINIAN BE DEVELOPED IT WOULD BE USED AS AN "OVERFLOW" BASE FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE REGION. ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE IN GUAM IS THE MAJOR U.S. FACILITY IN THE REGION.

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