

(JAPANESE FISHING BOAT APPREHENDED IN TRUK)

TRUK, JULY 20 (MNS)---FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS POACHING IN MICRONESIAN WATERS HAVE BECOME SO COMMON DURING RECENT YEARS THAT ONE IS TEMPTED TO CONSIDER "PIRACY" AS A DAILY GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK.

KAIJI MARU NO. 11, A 60 TON JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL, CAPTURED BY MAKETO OZENKI WITH A CREW OF 14 ON-BOARD, WAS APPREHENDED NEAR THE HALL ISLANDS, SOME 70 MILES NORTH OF MOEN, DISTRICT CENTER OF TRUK, JULY 10 FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF T. T. WATERS.

ACCORDING TO MITARO HELTARD, TRUK DISTRICT IMMIGRATION OFFICER, THE VESSEL CONTAINED ABOUT 20-30 TONS OF TUNA, A QUANTITY OF CORAL AND SEA SHELLS, A STALK OF GREEN BANANAS AND A FEW DRINKING COCONUTS. HELTARD SAID THAT THE VESSEL'S LAST PORT OF CALL WAS MINATO MACHI, JAPAN. THE OWNER OF THE BOAT IS MASAJI MAKAOI.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INFORMED JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL S. HAMANAKA ON GUAM ABOUT THE INCIDENT. INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY. THE AG OFFICE TOLD HAMANAKA THAT "AT THIS TIME, NO CRIMINAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED ALTHOUGH SOME ARE CONTEMPLATED."

WHEN THIS REPORT WAS WRITTEN, NO OFFICIAL WORD HAD ARRIVED FROM TRUK ON THE PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION. CAPTAIN OZENKI AND HIS CREW ARE STILL DETAINED IN TRUK.

(TOURISM MEETING IN TRUK)

SAIPAN, JULY 20 (MNS)---FINAL WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON A STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF TOURISM IN MICRONESIA. THE RESEARCH PROJECT, SPONSORED BY THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (PATA), HAS BEEN GATHERING STATISTICAL MATERIAL SINCE LAST YEAR. THE PATA TASK FORCE WILL EXAMINE THIS INFORMATION IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO A SMALL ISLAND COMMUNITY THAT DEPENDS ON IMPORTS FOR THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF ITS TOURISM INDUSTRY.

ARRIVING IN TRUK ON MONDAY, JULY 26TH, WILL BE KENNETH CHAMBERLAIN, PATA'S DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, WHO WILL COMPILE THE MATERIAL IN THE FORM OF A WORKBOOK FOR THE TEAM MEMBERS. A WEEK LATER, FIVE SPECIALISTS WILL ARRIVE TO PREPARE AN ECONOMIC MODEL AND MEASURE THE RESULTS. MEMBERS OF THE PATA TASK FORCE INCLUDE TEAM LEADER HAROLD DENTON, RETIRED GENERAL MANAGER OF NEW ZEALAND AIRWAYS, KENNETH JENSEN, ECONOMIST WITH ARTHUR D. LITTLE, INC., DR. KEITH DUKE, MANAGER, RECREATION AND TOURISM FOR STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HISAO NAKAYAMA, CHIEF RESEARCHER, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FOR JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU, AND A SIXTH MEMBER WHO IS AN EXPERT ON SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR RURAL AREAS. EACH OF THESE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES IS CONTRIBUTING HIS TIME TO THE PROJECTS. THEY WILL BE JOINED BY COUNTERPARTS FROM MICRONESIA.

SHARING THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM ARE THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION, CONTINENTAL HOTEL CORPORATION, VARIOUS BUSINESSES OF TRUK, AND THE TT GOVERNMENT. THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE STUDY IS MORE THAN \$100,000; HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE FREE SERVICES OF THE TEAM MEMBERS, THE ACTUAL CASH COST WILL BE LESS THAN \$8,000.

THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IS A PATA ACTIVITY AIMED AT ASSISTING GOVERNMENT MEMBERS TO SOLVE TOURISM-RELATED QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS. WHEN THE STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED IT WILL BE PUBLISHED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE TRUK ECONOMICS OF TOURISM MODEL IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR EXAMINING ANY SIMILAR TOURIST DESTINATION THAT RELIES HEAVILY ON IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES.