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(AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS RESIGNS)

SAIPAN, JULY 23 (MNS)---THE FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE WAS SENT TO THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE (MNS) FROM WASHINGTON.

"THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY (JULY 22) ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD ACCEPTED WITH DEEP REGRET AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS' RESIGNATION AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1976. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS INFORMED THE WHITE HOUSE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA FOUNDATION HE WOULD HAVE TO RELINQUISH HIS DUTIES AS CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR IN JULY.

THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT "AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS SUCCESSFULLY LED THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTHERN MARIANAS DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS THAT RESULTED IN THE HISTORIC COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS TO SEE THROUGH TO COMPLETION THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THESE TALKS UNDER AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS' LEADERSHIP. THE PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZES THE AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE TO GIVE FULL ATTENTION TO HIS DUTIES WITH THE ASIA FOUNDATION. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET, THEREFORE, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION."

(BELIEVED LOST AT SEA; TWO TRUKES FOUND)

TRUK, JULY 23 (MNS)---THE TWO YOUNG PULUSUK MEN, WHO WERE PRESUMED TO BE LOST AT SEA SINCE JULY 12 AFTER THEY FAILED TO ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATION, HAVE BEEN FOUND.

ACCORDING TO TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, MITARO DANIS, "THE OVERDUE CANOE WHICH DEPARTED FROM PULUSUK IN THE MID MORNING OF JULY 12 ON ITS WAY TO PULAP WITH TWO YOUNG MEN ON BOARD HAD BEEN LOCATED. THE CANOE WAS DISCOVERED AT THE ISLAND OF PISARACH, 130 MILES FROM PULUSUK AND 85 MILES FROM PULAP, JULY 19." DANIS SAID THAT THE TWO YOUNG MEN ARE IN GOOD HEALTH AND HAVE GONE TO PULAP.

DISTAD DANIS AND THE CHIEF OF PULAP THANKED THE SEA AND AIR RESCUE UNIT ON GUAM FOR ITS ASSISTANCE DURING THE SEARCH.