

CRUSHE AIRPORT ON THE ISLAND OF  
SAIPAN, SEPT. 3 (MNS) ~~THE~~ TWO MILLION DOLLARS INITIAL  
FUNDING HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF KUSAIE  
AIRPORT BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET  
PLANNING OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, ACCORDING TO  
OFFICIALS OF T. T. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS. Sept 1976

KUSAIE, LOCATED 347 MILES SOUTHEAST OF PONAPE, DOES NOT  
HAVE AN AIRPORT AT THE PRESENT TIME. THAT ISLAND WILL BECOME  
A SEPARATE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE AIRPORT PROJECT IS \$17 MILLION,  
\$3.4 MILLION OF WHICH WILL COME FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY  
GOVERNMENT AND \$13.6 MILLION WILL COME FROM THE FEDERAL  
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) AS A MATCHING FUND, ACCORDING  
TO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BUDGET OFFICER HARRY BROWN.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE 7,000-FOOT AIRPORT WILL START DURING  
FISCAL YEAR 1978.

THE AIRPORT FOR KUSAIE WAS PROPOSED IN JUNE 1973, WHEN  
THREE PERSONS WERE KILLED WHEN A U.S. NAVY HU-16 AMPHIBIOUS  
PLANE CRASHED OFF LELU, THE CAPITAL OF KUSAIE.

FORMER T. T. HICOM EDWARD E. JOHNSON MADE A COMMITMENT  
TO THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE AFTER THE ACCIDENT THAT AN AIRPORT  
FOR KUSAIE WILL BE BUILT.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY ON THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN  
COMPLETED AND IS AWAITING FINAL APPROVAL BY THE FAA. IT IS  
EXPECTED THAT THE STUDY WILL BE APPROVED WITHIN TWO MONTHS,  
THE SPOKESMAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS SAID.

THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE AIRPORT, PREPARED BY THE  
PACIFIC ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERS, WAS COMPLETED IN MARCH,  
1975.

THE AIRPORT WILL BE LOCATED AT OKAT REEF IN TAFUNSAK  
VILLAGE, ONE OF THE FOUR VILLAGES ON KUSAIE. TRUST TERRITORY  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE AIRPORT WILL BE ONE OF  
THE MOST EXPENSIVE PROJECTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY BECAUSE  
IT WILL BE LOCATED ON THE REEF, AND IT WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE  
DREDGING AND FILLING OF THE AREA WITH CORALS.

AN "EMERGENCY STRIP" WILL BE BUILT IN KUSAIE SOON FOR  
TEMPORARY USE.

COLEMAN WAS TOLD THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE THAT THE TEMPORARY  
AIRSTRIP WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE THE EVENTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF  
THE PLANNED OKAT AIRPORT.

"THE EMERGENCY AIRSTRIP IS AN INTERIM MEASURE AND WILL  
NOT IN ANYWAY PREJUDICE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OKAT AIRPORT  
WHICH REMAINS OUR PRIORITY PROJECT FOR KUSAIE," COLEMAN  
STATED.

(MICRONESIAN VERNACULARS-ENGLISH DICTIONARY TO BE AVAILABLE)  
GUAM, SEPT. 3 (MNS) ---IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO HAVE  
AN OFFICIAL DICTIONARY IN YOUR OWN LANGUAGE. ACCORDING TO  
RON RONCK'S NOTES ON MICRONESIA, THE CURRENT HAWAII CATALOG  
OF FEATURES THREE NEW OR SOON-TO-BE-PUBLISHED MICRONESIAN  
DICTIONARIES.

RONCK REPORTED THAT THE WOLEAIAN-ENGLISH DICTIONARY  
(\$8.50 IN PAPERBACK) IS THE PIONEER EFFORT OF THIS KIND FOR  
WOLEAI ATOLL IN YAP DISTRICT.

HE ADDED THAT LATER PART OF THIS MONTH A PALAUAN-ENGLISH  
DICTIONARY WILL BE PUBLISHED BASED ON THE WORK OF A JESUIT  
PRIEST, THE REV. EDWIN G. MCMANUS, WHO DIED IN 1969. A  
ROUGH VERSION WAS CIRCULATED PREVIOUSLY BUT THIS REVISED  
EDITION WILL CONTAIN EXPANDED WORD LISTS AND USE NEW SPELLING  
STANDARDIZED BY THE PALAU ORTHOGRAPHY COMMITTEE.

RONCK FURTHER INDICATED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL BOOKS WILL  
COME OUT IN OCTOBER: A MARSHALLESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY AND  
A MOKILESE REFERENCE GRAMMAR.

ACCORDING TO THE WRITER, ALL FOUR BOOKS ARE PART OF THE  
PALI (PACIFIC AND ASIAN LINGUISTICS INSTITUTE) LANGUAGE  
TEXTS' MICRONESIA SERIES. OF THE FOUR, ONLY THE WOLEAIAN  
DICTIONARY HAS A SET PRICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A COPY OF THE CATALOG, WRITE  
TO THE UNIVERSITY PRESS OF HAWAII, 2840 KOLOWALU ST.,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96822.

(WAR CLAIMS OFFICE)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 3 (MNS) ---IF YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE  
WHO HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PAYMENT OF YOUR WAR CLAIMS  
SETTLEMENT, AND DID NOT KNOW WHERE AND WHOM TO INQUIRE, THIS  
SHOULD INTEREST YOU.

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THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION AND THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION ANNOUNCED TODAY (SEPT. 3). THAT ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE DECISIONS OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION MAY BE DIRECTED TO EITHER MRS. PATRICIA DOCTOR, P.O. BOX 242, CHRB, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS 96950, OR TO THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION, 1111 20TH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON DC 20579.

MS. DOCTOR'S OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE PAYROLL SECTION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT T.I. HEADQUARTER, SAIPAN. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 9362. ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING PAYMENT OF AWARDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO FRANK DECOREY, MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS BRANCH, T.I. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, HEADQUARTERS, SAIPAN.

THE OFFICE OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION COMPLETED ITS WORK IN MICRONESIA AND WAS OFFICIALLY CLOSED JULY 30, 1976. THE COMMISSION BEGAN ITS WORK IN THE T.I. IN 1972. DURING ITS EXISTENCE OVER 11,000 CLAIMS WERE INVESTIGATED AND ADJUDGED. THE COMMISSION MADE AWARDS OF \$67,000.00 UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT. OF THIS SUM, 34.4 MILLION WAS AWARDED UNDER TITLE I OF THE ACT FOR LOSSES SUFFERED DURING THE WAR, AND 32.6 MILLION WAS AWARDED UNDER TITLE II OF THE ACT FOR COMPENSABLE LOSSES ARISING BETWEEN THE DATES OF SECURING THE ISLANDS AND JULY 1951.

THE COMMISSION CONSISTED OF FIVE MEMBERS, TWO OF WHOM WERE MICRONESIANS SELECTED FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IT EMPLOYS A STAFF OF TEN ATTORNEYS AND 30 MICRONESIAN FIELD REPRESENTATIVES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.