

(APPOINTMENT OF U.S. DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8 (MNS) --- THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE DESIGNATION OF PHILIP W. MANHARD, AS THE U.S. DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, TO SERVE ALSO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE'S INTERAGENCY GROUP FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. Sent
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AMBASSADOR MANHARD HAS BEEN A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER SINCE 1948, WITH ASSIGNMENTS IN CHINA, KOREA, JAPAN AND THE EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC BUREAU OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE U.S. UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION. ASSIGNED TO SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1967, HE WAS HELD PRISONER IN NORTH VIETNAM 1968-1973, AND RECEIVED THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S AWARD FOR VALOR IN 1973.

HIS LAST APPOINTMENT WAS AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS 1974-1976.

AFTER GRADUATING MAGNA CUM LAUDE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1943, HE SERVED AS A MARINE CORPS OFFICER IN THE PACIFIC THEATER IN WORLD WAR II. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARGARET BOOTH AND THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN.

(AMBASSADOR MANHARD ARRIVING)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8 (MNS) --- THE U.S. DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AMBASSADOR PHILIP W. MANHARD, ARRIVES IN SAIPAN SEPTEMBER 9 FOR AN ORIENTATION VISIT TO MICRONESIA.

IN ADDITION TO HIS STOP IN SAIPAN, AMBASSADOR MANHARD WILL VISIT PALAU, YAP, TRUK, PONAPE, AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICTS BEFORE STARTING BACK TO THE U.S. SEPTEMBER 22. DURING HIS VISIT, AMBASSADOR MANHARD WILL MEET WITH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MEMBERS AND OTHER MICRONESIAN LEADERS, AS WELL AS WITH TRUST TERRITORY AND NORTHERN MARIANAS OFFICIALS, IN ORDER TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH MICRONESIAN STATUS QUESTIONS.

AMBASSADOR MANHARD, A NATIVE OF MASSACHUSETTS, WAS APPOINTED IN JUNE AS DEPUTY TO AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, WHOSE RESIGNATIONS AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WAS ANNOUNCED JULY 22. PREVIOUSLY, MR. MANHARD HAD SERVED FROM 1973 TO 1976 AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS.

(YAP AIRFIELD DETERIORATING)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8 (MNS) --- AIR MICRONESIA PILOTS ARE ALARMED AT THE DETERIORATING CONDITION OF THE YAP AIRFIELD.

THEY SAY THAT THERE ARE LOOSE ASPHALTS, ROCKS AND SAND ON THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY. THERE ARE ALSO SOFT PATCHES ABOUT THE CENTER OF THE STRIP, AND THE RUNWAY SHOULDER OPPOSITE THE TERMINAL BUILDING NEEDS TO BE CLEARED.

TT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS KOICHI WONG HAS DIRECTED THE YAP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY RECTIFY THE SITUATION. WONG SAID UNLESS THESE PROBLEMS ARE CLEARED, AIR MICRONESIA MAY HAVE TO STOP SERVICES TO YAP. "LET ME KNOW THE RESULTS", WONG TOLD YAP PUBLIC WORKS OFFICIALS.

(MERCY FLIGHT)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 8 (MNS) --- WE TIP OUR HATS TO THE NAVY FLIERS ON GUAM.

THESE DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES HAVE PERFORMED MANY FLIGHTS OF MERCY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN LIVES WERE SAVED BECAUSE OF THEIR TIMELY ARRIVAL ON SOME REMOTE ISLANDS TO EVACUATE PATIENTS TO MEDICAL CENTERS IN MICRONESIA AND GUAM.

LAST WEEK A SIMILAR FLIGHT OF MERCY WAS PERFORMED ON TINIAN. WE PARTICULARLY LIKED THE WAY THESE FANTASTIC FLIERS REPORTED THE INCIDENT.

"WHILE ON ROUTINE FLIGHT OVER TINIAN, WAS C-1A RECEIVED REQUEST FROM SAIPAN RADIO TO PICK INJURED PERSON ON TINIAN REQUIRING MEDICAL EVACUATION TO SAIPAN. A LOCAP AIRCRAFT WAS TOO SMALL TO CARRY THE VICTIM, AS HE REQUIRED A STRETCHER. VICTIM HAD MULTIPLE FRACTURES. ACTION TAKEN. AIRCRAFT LANDED ON TINIAN, PICKED UP VICTIM AND DROPPED VICTIM OFF AT SAIPAN FOR MEDICAL CARE. TOTAL AIRCRAFT TIME -- FIVE MINUTES. CASE CLOSED".

THANK YOU GENTLEMEN.

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(INVITATION TO BID)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 8 (MNS) ---THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SOLICITS PROPOSALS FOR THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT OWNED FIELD TRIP SHIPS MS KASELEHLIA IN PONAPE DISTRICT, MS RAN ANNIM IN TRUK DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1976, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1977.

BIDS FOR OPERATION ON EACH SHIP SHOULD BE SUBMITTED SEPARATEDLY. BIDS CONTAINED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1976, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE OPENED AND PUBLICLY READ.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS MAY BE EXAMINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, OR WILL BE FURNISHED UPON WRITTEN REQUEST.

THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER WILL BE SELECTED, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.