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(SENATE APPROVES WINKEL)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---THE U.S. SENATE THURSDAY (MAY 26, IT TIME) HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF ADRIAN WINKEL TO BE THE NEXT HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO A CABLE RECEIVED ON SAIPAN FROM THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

WINKEL, 62, IS STILL ON SAIPAN HOLDING VARIOUS MEETINGS AND VISITING DEPARTMENTS OF THE IT HEADQUARTERS. HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE SAIPAN FOR WASHINGTON FRIDAY MORNING (MAY 27) TO PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARINGS IN NEW YORK JUNE SIXTH.

A COCKTAIL PARTY IN HIS HONOR WILL BE HELD AT THE SAIPAN BEACH INTER-CONTINENTAL INN THURSDAY EVENING AT WHICH TIME HE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT TO HIS STAFF.

THE NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL BE SWORN INTO OFFICE BY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR CECIL ANDRUS. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET.

FOLLOWING THE UNITED NATIONS HEARINGS, WINKEL AND HIS WIFE, ISOBEL, WILL RETURN TO SAIPAN PROBABLY BY THE END OF JUNE TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POSITION WHICH HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE THE RESIGNATION OF THEN HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON IN THE SUMMER OF 1976.

WINKEL HAS A REPUTATION AS A TOUGH ADMINISTRATOR. HE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE HICOM'S CABINET WEDNESDAY MORNING (MAY 25) THAT HE WILL BE "TOUGH, DEMANDING, BUT FAIR" AS THE IT'S NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE. HE INDICATED HE WILL NOT REMOVE ANY STAFFER BUT WILL REVIEW EACH HIGH-LEVEL APPOINTEE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, HE WILL NOT HESITATE TO REMOVE ANY STAFF MEMBER WHO DOES NOT LIVE UP TO HIS EXPECTATIONS.

WINKEL'S MOST RECENT JOB BEFORE BEING NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER WAS THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT TO THE U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS. FROM 1971 TO 1973 HE SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT TO CONGRESSMAN PHILLIP BURTON (D-CALIF), A POWERFUL FIGURE IN CONGRESS AND REGARDED BY MANY MICRONESIANS AS THEIR BEST FRIEND IN WASHINGTON.

BEFORE WORKING WITH THE CONGRESS, WINKEL WAS REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FROM 1961 TO 1969. HE ADMINISTERED A BUDGET OF \$300 MILLION IN HIS POSITION IN THE UPPER MIDWESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO SERVED AS COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, AND AS AN ASSISTANT TO THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR TAXATION.

(VAN CLEVE RESCINDS CONTRACT ORDERS)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, MS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE HAS RESCINDED AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE WHICH PROHIBITED THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM ENTERING INTO EITHER CONSTRUCTION OR SERVICE CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF \$100,000.

THE ACTION ON MS. VAN CLEVE'S APPROVAL CAME IN A LETTER FROM MS. VAN CLEVE DATED MAY 18TH TO J. BOYD MACKENZIE, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER. MACKENZIE HAD REQUESTED MS. VAN CLEVE TO RESCIND THE DIRECTIVE ISSUED BY THE THEN DIRECTOR FRED M. ZEDER IN AUGUST 1975.

IN HIS LETTER, MACKENZIE ASKED THAT THE DIRECTIVE BE RESCINDED BECAUSE THE "ACCOUNTABILITY MANAGEMENT" IN THE IT FINANCE DEPARTMENT IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FISCAL CONTROL REQUIRED IN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. HE ALSO STATED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S

OFFICE NOW HAS THE "FULL CAPABILITY" OF PROVIDING THE EXPERTISE NEEDED IN DRAFTING CONTRACTS TO ASSURE LEGAL PROFICIENCY AND TO LITIGATE IN COURT CLAIMS AGAINST THE TT GOVERNMENT BY CONTRACTORS.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THE "CONTRACTING OFFICER", IN THIS CASE, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, "HAS THE CAPABILITY TO ADMINISTER AND MANAGE BOTH CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE-TYPE CONTRACTS FAR EXCEEDING \$100,000 IN VALUE." HE NOTED AS EXAMPLES THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS OF TWO MAJOR PROJECTS IN MICRONESIA---THE PUNAPE HOSPITAL AND THE KOROR-BABELTHUAP BRIDGE WHICH COSTS \$5 MILLION AND \$5.2 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

(PERSONNEL ACTION APPROVAL RETURNED TO IT)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT NO LONGER HAVE TO BE SENT TO INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL, PODIS PEDRUS, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL ANNOUNCED THURSDAY (MAY 26).

THIS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT DOES NOT GIVE FULL AUTHORITY ON PERSONNEL MATTERS, HOWEVER. ACTIONS INVOLVING CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES STARTING AT GS-11 AND THOSE PERSONS NEEDING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL STILL HAVE TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR REVIEW, PEDRUS SAID.

"WHAT THEY HAVE NOW DELEGATED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY IS ONLY FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS MICRONESIANS," PEDRUS NOTED.

PREVIOUSLY, ALL POSITIONS IN PAY LEVELS 23 TO 30, MICRONESIANS OR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, HAD TO GO THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR FOR APPROVAL.

THE TT DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL SAID HE IS WRITING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DISTRICTS ON HOW TO CHANNEL THEIR PERSONNEL PAPERS THAT USED TO GO THE WASHINGTON. SOME OF THEM NOW WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED IN THE DISTRICTS.

THE OLD POLICY WAS INSTITUTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR YEARS BACK AND MORE CONTROLS, SUCH AS LOWERING THE LEVELS REQUIRING APPROVAL DOWN TO 23 AS WELL AS CONTRACT EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 1972.

THE MESSAGE TO RETURN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY CAME FROM THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INTERIRO, POLICY, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION.

(THREE TO ATTEND TRAINING IN JAPAN)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---THREE YOUNG MICRONESIANS HAVE BEEN INVITED BY JAPAN OVERSEAS COOPERATION FOUNDATION (OFCF) TO PARTICIPATE IN A FIVE-MONTH TRAINING PROGRAM IN MARINE DIESEL ENGINES ON COMMERCIAL TUNA FISHING BOATS IN JAPAN, BEGINNING JUNE SECOND TO OCTOBER, 1977.

THEY ARE TANE ABTALOM OF THE MARSHALLS AND DAVID ASANUMA AND BENHART BAULECHONG, BOTH OF PALAU.

THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR OFCF HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE TRUST TERRITORY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THE TT GOVERNMENT GETS THREE SLOTS OUT OF THE TWENTY OFFERED EACH YEAR TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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ALL EXPENSES FOR THE TRAINING WILL BE PAID FOR BY
OFCF INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, DAILY STIPEND, FOOD AND
ACCOMODATION.

(THREE MICRONESIANS TO ATTEND DENTISTRY TRAINING)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---THREE MICRONESIAN DENTISTS WILL
BE LEAVING THE TRUST TERRITORY JUNE FOURTH TO ATTEND A SIX-WEEK
DENTISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

THEY ARE: MS. ALODIA TOL, A DENTAL NURSE FROM YAP;
NED LUTHER, A DENTAL NURSE FROM THE MARSHALLS; AND THE TT
CHIEF OF DENTAL SERVICES, DR. JACK HELKENA. THE EXPENSES
FOR THE TRAINING WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION (WHO).

TWO WEEKS WILL BE SPENT IN SINGAPORE, AND FOUR WEEKS
WILL BE SPENT IN MALAYSIA. HELKENA SAID THAT THEY WILL BE
TAKING COURSES IN "PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY."

THEY EXPECT TO RETURN BACK TO THE TRUST TERRITORY
JULY 18TH.

(PONAPE ISSUES NEWSPAPER)

SAIPAN, MAY 26 (MNS)---PONAPE DISTRICT ADDS TO THE GROWING
NUMBER OF WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS IN MICRONESIA WITH THE APPEARANCE
OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF "POHNPEI SPOTLIGHT" THIS WEEK.

STORIES ARE WRITTEN IN BOTH ENGLISH AND PONAPEAN. THE
PAPER'S STAFF IS MIXED WITH EMPLOYEES FROM THE PRIVATE AND
GOVERNMENT SECTORS. HERMAN P. SEMES IS THE PAPER'S EDITOR.
THERE ARE FOUR ASSOCIATE EDITORS AND A STAFF OF SEVEN.

IN ITS FIRST ISSUE, THE "POHNPEI SPOTLIGHT" CARRIES ON
ITS FRONT PAGE A STORY ABOUT THE MORTLOCKESE DELEGATION MEETING
WITH PONAPE LOCAL LEADERS NEGOTIATING A POSSIBLE RELOCATION
OF TYPHOON PAMELA VICTIMS IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF TRUK TO
SOME SMALL ISLANDS IN PONAPE.

THE PAPER DOES NOT MENTION WHO THE PUBLISHER IS NOR
EXPLAIN WHETHER THE PAPER IS GOVERNMENT OWNED OR NOT.

IT IS, HOWEVER, SOLICITING FOR ADVERTISERS AND IS ALSO
INVITING THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO WRITE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ON
ANY SUBJECT.

WITH THE APPEARANCE OF "POHNPEI SPOTLIGHT", ONLY THE NEW
DISTRICT OF KOSRAE DOES NOT HAVE A NEWSPAPER. THE OTHER
FIVE DISTRICTS ALL HAVE THEIR OWN WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS.

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