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TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS
FOR MICRONESIAN CIVIL SERVICE ACT ESTABLISHED

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,
(MARCH 4)...High Commissioner M. W. Goding has appointed a five-member
Task Force, with Personnel Officer Richard F. Kanost as chairman, to work
with other Headquarters representatives in developing proposals for
a Micronesian civil service act to be studied in the next session of the
Congress of Micronesia.

The establishment of the Task Force was in response to the Congress
of Micronesia's Joint Resolution 1-33, which requested the High Com-
missioner to develop proposals for civil service regulation for Micro-
nesian employees of the Trust Territory Government.

Introduced by Honorable Juan A. Sablan of Saipan, the original
resolution proposed that the High Commissioner name a joint committee of
the Congress to study the feasibility of establishing a Micronesian
civil service commission. The Committee on Judiciary and Governmental
Relations to which the proposal was referred, however, recommended that
the membership composition of such a committee be left to the discretion
of the High Commissioner.

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Other members of the Task Force are: Truk Assistant District Administrator for Administration Raymond Setik, representing the Eastern Carolines and the Marshalls; Lazarus Salii of Palau, representing the Western Carolines; Marianas District Finance Officer Vicente S. Camacho, representing the Marianas District; and Women's Interest Coordinator Erminia Ngiraked, representing Headquarters Micronesian staff as well as woman workers of the Trust Territory. Mr. Salii is a member of the Congress of Micronesia.

The following alternates have been appointed to serve on the Task Force if the official designee is unable to attend scheduled meetings: Congressman Francis Nuuan of Yap, alternate for Mr. Salii; Oscar deBrum of the Marshalls, alternate for Mr. Setik; Congressman Juan A. Sablan of Saipan, alternate for Mr. Camacho; and Mrs. Rose Makwelung of Ponape, alternate for Mrs. Ngiraked.

The Task Force will meet in Saipan in two one-week sessions in April and May to study and discuss basic features of other civil service systems and to develop proposals for the Trust Territory. It will prepare a draft of a civil service law, spelling out in broad terms desirable features to be incorporated in a Micronesian civil service system.