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AIRLINE OFFICIAL VISITING TRUST TERRITORY

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, June 16 . . . Further evidence of the increasing interest by transportation companies in the Micronesia market was the visit of a vice president of Continental Airlines, Inc., of Los Angeles, to Trust Territory Headquarters today.

Marvin L. Davis, who is in charge of economic planning for the airline, discussed plans for extending the company's routes throughout the Pacific, with a stop at Guam, with High Commissioner William R. Norwood and Transportation Officer James M. Cook.

"There is a strong possibility that we will ask the Trust Territory Administration to become an intervenor in our request to the Civil Aeronautics Board to grant us routes in the Pacific," Mr. Davis said. He emphasized that his company will not seek permission to fly into the Trust Territory.

He described Micronesia as a "potential tourist Mecca, especially for Japanese because of their long association with the islands of Micronesia, and for travel-minded Americans, who have an increasing urge to see the rest of the world."

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Mr. Davis said Continental does not now operate commercial routes through the Pacific, but makes flights from Travis Air Force Base in California to Saigon, Bangkok, Taipei, Tokyo, Okinawa and occasionally to Guam under contract with the Department of Defense.

The vice president is on his way to Yap, Palau, Truk and Ponape to look over tourism possibilities.

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