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TEMPORARY FREEZE ON HIRING ANNOUNCED BY
HIGH COMMISSIONER

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
Aug. 25 . . . A freeze on hiring has been placed in effect at Head-
quarters effective August 15 and on all hiring for the Trust Terri-
tory effective August 26, according to an announcement by High
Commissioner W.R. Norwood.

The freeze is due to the fact that the financial situation for the
Trust Territory is extremely critical under current ceiling limitations.
Legislation currently pending before the Congress of the United States
should result in raising the ceiling limitation for this fiscal year.
If the U.S. Congress approves and the ceiling is raised, it is possi-
ble that additional funds will become available to the Territory within
the next two or three months.

Mr. Norwood further stated: "At this time I am not asking you to
take reduction in force action. Economies will be effected through
normal attrition. In addition, you are expected to exercise all
economy measures within your control to further alleviate the situation
in your area of responsibility."

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