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1967 U.N. MISSION TO VISIT TERRITORY

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Feb. 6 . . . A United Nations Visiting Mission is scheduled to arrive in Saipan via Guam on February 12 to begin a 6-week inspection tour of Micronesia, which is administered by the United States under a trusteeship agreement with the United Nations. This will be the 7th visiting mission to make such a tour, others having visited the Territory in 1951, 1953, 1956, 1959, 1961, and 1964.

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The Mission will be headed by Dr. Angie Brooks of Liberia. Other members of the mission include Mr. Pierre J. Basdevant of France, Mr. Richard N. Posnett of the United Kingdom, and Mr. Kenneth H. Rogers of Australia.

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The following are Secretariat staff members on the Mission: Mr. Nasmuddine Rifai (United Arab Republic), Principal Secretary; Mr. Richard W. Wathen (United States), Political Officer; Mr. Bhagirathan Ramanathan Devaranjan (Ceylon), Economic Officer; Mr. Henry Astwood (United States), Administrative Officer; and Miss Norma Chai (Trinidad and Tobago), Stenographer.

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Mr. Robert Law will accompany the Mission as the Trust Territory Administration's representative.

The Mission will be studying the economic, political and social development of the Territory and will submit a report to the Secretary

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General of the United Nations upon completion of the tour. The Mission will be especially interested in the question of the future of the Territory, and the observations and conclusions contained in the report of the World Health Organization.

It will also consider petitions received by the Council concerning the Territory and will itself receive petitions.

According to its present itinerary, the Mission is scheduled to depart the Territory on March 17.

Biographical information on the government representatives of the Mission follows:

Dr. Angie Brooks, Chairman of the Mission, is Assistant Secretary of State of Liberia and was elected Vice President of the UN Trusteeship Council in 1966. She was a member of the UN Mission which visited the Trust Territory in 1964. She holds a B.A. from Shaw University; a LL.B from the University of Wisconsin, and a M.Sc. in Political Science and International Relations, University College Law School.

Mr. Pierre Basdevant of France has a Diploma in public law and political economy, Ecole des Sciences Politiques. He is a career foreign service officer and has seen extensive service in the United States. Prior to his assignment to the United Nations, he served as Consul General, San Francisco.

Mr. Richard N. Posnett received his education at Kingswood School, Bath, and St. John's College, Cambridge. A former career officer in

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the old Colonial Service, he served in Uganda from 1941 to 1964. He is presently First Secretary, Commonwealth Relations Office, London.

Mr. Kenneth Henry Rogers has been a member of the Department of External Affairs of the Australian Government since 1949. He is presently Counselor in High Commission in Pakistan. He holds the rank of Minister.

The Principal Secretary of the UN Secretariat staff on the Mission, Mr. Nasmuddin Rifai of the United Arab Republic, was a member of the UN Visiting Mission in 1953.

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