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U. N. VISITING MISSION IN THE TERRITORY

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Feb. 14 . . . A United Nations Visiting Mission is in the Trust Territory for a six-week inspection tour of the sprawling island nation that is administered by the United States. Six previous missions visited the Territory in 1951, 1953, 1956, 1961 and 1964.

Dr. Angie Brooks, Assistant Secretary of State of Liberia, is Chairman of the nine-member delegation. Other members of the Mission are The Honorable Pierre J. Basdevant of France, The Honorable Richard N. Posnett of the United Kingdom, and The Honorable Kenneth H. Rogers of Australia.

Secretariat staff members on the Mission are Dr. Najmuddine Rifai (Syria), Principal Secretary; Mr. Richard W. Wathen, (United States), Political Officer; Mr. Bhagirathan R. Devarajan (Ceylon), Economic Officer; Mr. Henry Astwood (United States), Administrative Officer; and Miss Norma Chai (Trinidad and Tobago), Stenographer.

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

The Mission has met with the Interim Committee of the Congress of Micronesia, High Commissioner W. R. Norwood and his staff, the Saipan Municipal Legislature, the Marianas Islands District Legislature and the public.

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The group will travel to Tinian and Rota, in the Marianas District, on February 15, where they are scheduled to meet with the local councils and the public.

On February 16 the Mission will depart Saipan for Palau.

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