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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Kwajalein Atoll Inter-Island Community
Relations Committee Meeting of 9 February 1972

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1. The Kwajalein Atoll Inter-Island Community Relations Committee met on Kwajalein at 1000 hours, 9 February 1972. Committee members present were:

Mr. Jalle Bolkeim, Chief Magistrate, Kwajalein Atoll
Mr. Jobel Enos, Kwajalein-Micronesian Employees' Rep
Mr. Matan Lakjohn, Assistant DISTADREP, Ebeye
Reverend Jude Samson, Protestant Missionary, Ebeye
Mrs. Alice Buck, Community Rep, Kwajalein
Mrs. Trannie Quinn, Community Rep, Kwajalein
Mr. W. M. Ownbey, TT DISTADREP, Kwajalein & Ebeye
Mr. R. E. Haley, KMR TT LNO

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Member not present:

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2. Mrs. Buck said it was the desire of the World Day of Prayer Committee to give 75 percent of its collection to the Ebeye Hospital. Mr. Ownbey said the Ebeye Hospital project is completely funded, but the collection money could be used to purchase comfort items for hospital patients. Mrs. Buck asked Mr. Bolkeim what progress was being made to curtail Bingo games on Ebeye. Bingo has become so popular with the ladies on Ebeye that it consumes most of their time. Mr. Bolkeim said he is developing an ordinance to control Bingo games on Ebeye. The games are being run by individuals in their homes. The ordinance would require a license to conduct Bingo games and establish other controls.

3. Mr. Haley asked assistance in KMR efforts to eliminate Marshallese traffic in the snack bar during the noon hour. He reminded the Committee that it had been agreed that Marshallese workers and visitors would not use the snack bar from 1100 hours to 1230 hours because it cannot

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accommodate everybody who wants lunch at that time. A priority has been established for KMR residents who require quick-lunch service, and this arrangement is part of the Logistic Support contract.

4. Mr. Haley said a report was received from Global Associates, Assistant Resident Manager for Outer Islands, that there has been a marked increase in the population of certain outer islands in the past year. Ennubirr's population has increased from 168 to 210. Ennylabegan's population has increased from 48 to 100. In addition, the report said Mr. Jessie Lota, land owner at Ennuebing Island, the first island west of Roi-Namur, planned to move thirty people to Ennuebing. Mr. Haley said he knew of no plans to support the thirty people who may be moving to Ennuebing, and KMR could not support them. He added that with the increasing population at Ennubirr it may become necessary to review KMR policy of supporting Ennubirr from Roi-Namur. Mrs. Quinn asked who was responsible for supporting these islands. Mr. Ownbey said Trust Territory was responsible. He added that nobody had yet moved to Ennuebing. The move is still in the discussion stage, and Trust Territory would coordinate the Ennuebing support prior to any move. He also mentioned there is a possibility Trust Territory could establish a general store at Ennubirr.

5. Mr. Bolkeim said the people who wanted to go to Ennuebing were moved from their islands in the Mid-Atoll Corridor to Ebeye. They no longer wanted to stay on Ebeye, and Ennuebing was the only island outside the Corridor that they owned. He said other people on Ebeye from the Roi-Namur area were reviewing their land rights on other islands of the Atoll north of the Corridor in anticipation of moving to them. Mr. Bolkeim asked who is going to get the lumber from the buildings being torn down on Roi-Namur. The people of Roi-Namur want it to use on other islands north of the Corridor. He added that if Ebadon had a school and dispensary many people would return there from Ebeye. Mr. Ownbey said more benefit would derive from moving people from Ebeye to their home atolls than moving people from Ebeye to other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll. As for the buildup of population on Ennylabegan, Mr. Ownbey said Global recently hired four or five people to work on Ennylabegan, and they moved their families there. Also, he said food is collected on Ennylabegan, and there is a possibility the new population count included people collecting food who did not reside on Ennylabegan.

6. Mrs. Buck asked about the old, unresolved question of transportation for Marshallese from the Air Terminal to the Pier on days Air Micronesia arrives with Ebeye passengers and baggage (Tuesdays and Fridays 1750 hours). Trust Territory cannot finance this service, and KMR cannot perform it without compensation. Mr. Ownbey said the matter had been referred to

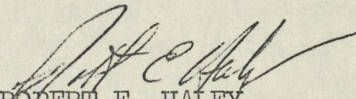
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both the Marshalls Nitijella and the Congress of Micronesia for funds to purchase a truck specifically for this purpose. Mr. Bolkeim said he was trying to get the Nitijella to send a proportionate share of its sales tax revenue to Ebeye and Kwajalein where most of its tax revenue originates. Mr. Ownbey said he would be glad to assist Mr. Bolkeim in this matter. Mrs. Buck asked about the Ebeye Freezer Plant. Mr. Ownbey said it was included in this year's Marshalls District budget. Mrs. Buck asked that more Trust Territory news releases be printed in the Hour-Glass. Mr. Ownbey supported her request and committee members concurred.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1120 hours.


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