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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Kwajalein Atoll Inter-Island Community Relations
Committee Meetings on 8 July 1974 and 23 October 1974

1. The Kwajalein Atoll Inter-Island Community Relations Committee met on Kwajalein at 1430 hours, 8 July 1974 and 23 October 1974. Committee members present 8 July 1974 were:

Mr. Matan Lakjohn, Assistant DISTADREP, Ebeye
Mr. John S. Beavers, KMR TT Liaison Officer
Mr. Jalle Bolkeim, Magistrate, Kwajalein Atoll
Mrs. Alice Buck, Community Representative, Kwajalein
Iroj Lejolan Kabua
Mr. Larry Edwards, Assistant DISTADREP, Kwajalein
Reverend Pijja Matauto, Protestant Missionary, Ebeye

Members not present 8 July 1974 were:

Mr. W. M. Ownbey, TT DISTADREP, Kwajalein Atoll ~~THIS COPY FOR~~
Mr. Jobel Enos, Kwajalein Micronesians Employees' Representative
Mrs. Trannie Quinn, Community Representative, Kwajalein

Committee members present 23 October 1974 were:

Mr. Matan Lakjohn, Assistant DISTADREP, Ebeye
Mr. John Beavers, KMR TT Liaison Officer
Mr. Jalle Bolkeim, Magistrate, Kwajalein Atoll
Mrs. Trannie Quinn, Community Representative, Kwajalein
Iroj Lejolan Kabua
Mr. W. M. Ownbey, TT DISTADREP, Kwajalein Atoll
Mr. Larry Edwards, Assistant DISTADREP, Kwajalein
Reverend Pijja Matauto, Protestant Missionary, Ebeye
Mr. Jobel Enos, Kwajalein Micronesians Employees' Representative
Colonel Robert L. Russell, CO KMR, Guest

Member not present 23 October 1974 was:

Mrs. Alice Buck, Community Representative, Kwajalein

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2. Since the 8 July 1974 meeting was the first held since April 1973, Mr. Beavers reviewed the minutes of the last two meetings, and the committee discussed the following:

a. Purchases of petroleum products at Roi-Namur by residents of Ebadon and Arbwe. Mr. Beavers advised that such purchases may continue, as approved on an individual basis, pending outcome of TTPI/US Army Support Agreement.

b. Newspaper on Ebeye. Mr. Lakjohn advised that all equipment and supplies were available, and all that was now needed was an edition and staff for the paper to go into business.

c. Coconuts from Kwajalein to Ebeye. Mr. Beavers explained that coconuts gathered as a result of tree trimming on Kwajalein were still being delivered to Ebeye Hospital for distribution. It was suggested that should curtailment of funds preclude continuation of tree trimming on Kwajalein, a crew from Ebeye periodically come to Kwajalein to gather the nuts and transport them to Ebeye for distribution. This item to remain open pending outcome of current funding reductions.

d. Additional committee members. It was suggested that as a minimum two additional members be considered for the committee, i.e., one from Ennubirr, and another Micronesian employee of Global. Also, it was determined that representatives from Carlson and Ennylabegan would not be considered at this time. Mr. Beavers will make recommendations as to additional membership at the next meeting.

e. Transportation of incoming air cargo from KMR Air Terminal to the pier for Ebeye merchants. Since Global rents vehicles only on a daily basis, merchants have been utilizing the TT vehicle, when practical, to move this cargo. This is a long-standing problem and will be the subject of further discussion.

f. Passes for Ebeye residents to visit Kwajalein. Mr. Lakjohn advised that the number of passes issued has decreased, and that better controls had been implemented. Multiple passes are not now being issued. Passes are issued on individual basis, except that children are included on passes issued to parents when departing on Air Micronesia.

g. Passes for KMR residents to visit Ebeye. Mr. Lakjohn stated that overnight passes are not being approved, and that some violations have been noted. Mr. Beavers asked that he be advised of the violators and that KMR Security personnel will be asked to check KMR residents' passes more carefully upon their return from Ebeye.

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3. A firm date for the next meeting was not established due to the number of members who would be absent from Kwajalein during August and September. The meeting was adjourned at 1630 hours.

4. At the 23 October 1974 meeting, Colonel Russell was introduced to the committee members by Mr. Beavers. Colonel Russell stated that he would sit in on the meeting and have a few words to say before adjournment. Old business discussed included:

a. Ebeye newspaper. Mr. Ownbey suggested that Mr. Lakjohn set up a committee on Ebeye to select an editor and recruit staff sufficient to get the paper started. Mr. Ownbey also stated that the paper would be printed in Marshallese and was to be nonprofit. Mr. Lakjohn indicated that he would get going on the project.

b. Additional committee members. This subject was again discussed in detail, and it was agreed by all that Roi-Namur/Ennubirr should be represented on the committee. Magistrate Bolkeim will provide a recommendation for an additional Micronesian member at the next meeting.

c. Transportation for cargo from KMR Air Terminal to pier. Ebeye businessmen receiving cargo by air at KMR are still experiencing difficulties in moving their incoming cargo to the KMR Pier. Mr. Ownbey provided the background on this subject and stated that he would continue to provide assistance within his limited capability, but could not move large, heavy items. Colonel Russell stated that he would look into the reason Global could not provide transportation on an hourly basis rather than only by the day.

d. KMR visitors to Ebeye. Mr. Lakjohn reiterated that he would provide information on any known violators of the Ebeye pass system. He also stated that there had been no reported trouble with KMR visitors recently.

5. New business discussed during the 23 October meeting included:

a. Iroj Lejolan Kabua asked if there were planned increases or decreases in the number of Micronesian employees. Colonel Russell stated that about the same number of Micronesian employees would be required at least during this fiscal year. Iroj Kabua said he would like to send those people who are not working, and/or had been fired from Global's work force more than twice, back to their home islands.

b. Mrs. Quinn stated that at a recent Women's Club meeting the subject of wages for Micronesian maids working on Kwajalein was discussed. The Women's Club members expressed concern that daily wages for these employees were to be increased to \$16.00. Mrs. Quinn was advised by Mr. Beavers that wages for Micronesian maids were set between employee and employer; neither KMR nor the KMR Logistic Support Contractor has anything to do with setting wage scales for domestic workers or yardmen who work

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on Kwajalein. Mr. Beavers stated that this information would be provided to the HourGlass for the information of all KMR residents.

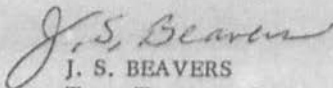
c. Magistrate Bolkeim asked if the Mid-Corridor people could have precedence over all others for receiving surplus materials from KMR. It was explained to Mr. Bolkeim by Mr. Beavers and Mr. Ownbey that US Government procedures and regulations precluded providing surplus US Government property to private individuals, other than through sales procedures. Mr. Ownbey further explained that he receives all excess property from KMR which is offered to Trust Territory, and that this property must be utilized by the Trust Territory Government.

Mr. Beavers advised that the Mid-Corridor Islands would be open for return of the former residents until at least 15 November, and that the DISTADREP's office would be next informed of the date of next mission requiring return to Ebeye.

d. Colonel Russell explained the procedures on the sales of foodstuff and merchandise to the TTPI and its citizens, the 1964 KMR Agreement with the TTPI, and the Federal laws governing the use of appropriated funds at KMR. He advised that an identification system was to be put into effect at KMR, and that pending receipt of a request from DOI to DOD for support and consummation of negotiations relative to requested support, very few changes to present policies would be made.

e. Magistrate Bolkeim asked if the people from Mid-Corridor Islands could move back, and if not now, when in the future. Colonel Russell stated that the Mid-Corridor situation was under continuous study, and at the present time it appeared that the Mid-Corridor Islands would have to remain vacated for an indefinite period of time. Iroj Lejolan Kabua stated that these questions would be settled when the Mid-Atoll Corridor Agreement is reviewed and renegotiated in December 1975.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1640 hours. Mr. Beavers advised that the next meeting would be held either during the last week of November or the first week of December, and that all members would be notified of the date and location.



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Trust Territory Liaison Officer

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- 1 - each committee member
- 1 - DISTAD Marshalls
- 1 - Commander, KMR