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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MICRONESIA PROGRAM - #3

University Affiliation Program

On Monday, 16 January, the fifth grant application associated with the Micronesia program was submitted, this one to U.S. Information Agency under the University Affiliations Program. When funded, this grant will enable the interchange of faculty between the College of Micronesia and the University of Oregon Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management.

Faculty from the UO would teach planning and public policy courses aimed primarily at government officials, but also available to students at the College. These courses would be offered at the three campuses of the College of Micronesia in Koror in Palau, Majuro in the Marshall Islands and Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia. In turn, faculty members from each of these schools would come to Oregon to teach courses relevant to the emerging Pacific Islands Studies program at the University of Oregon. Most of the exchanges would occur during the summer sessions, with additional faculty going to Micronesia during the beginning of their fall semester (late August and early September) and Micronesians coming to Oregon for the end of our spring quarter (late May, early June). In addition to the teaching activities, participating faculty will be encouraged to develop research collaborations with counterpart faculty.

The most rewarding part of working on this proposal has been the enthusiastic support of the Micronesian faculty. They were prompt in supplying the necessary information, including course descriptions, resumes and other data needed for the grant application. They are eager to participate in the development of faculty connections between the two institutions. And the College of Micronesia is eager to have the input of our faculty to develop a new area of study for their students, and to enhance the continuing education functions of their institutions.

The date for notification on this grant is mid-June. In the meantime, we should hear on several other proposals prior to that time. The FIPSE grant pre-application notification is the end of January. And the undergraduate study-abroad program, through the Department of Education, should notify us during the spring.

Graduate Student Technical Assistance Program

On a more frustrating note, the Federated States of Micronesia request for technical assistance funds to the Department of the

Interior has not yet been submitted, although the due date was in November, 1988. Apparently, Truk state has not gotten their part of the application completed, and the FSM resolved to submit the entire package at one time. Yap, Kosrae and Pohnpei have met the deadline for submission to the FSM budget officer, and now they are waiting for Truk. Our application to have advanced graduate students work on planning and administrative projects this summer is a part of the overall technical assistance application package, so we are held up along with the other agencies and states in Micronesia. The budget officer anticipates that the paperwork will go to Washington, D.C. in early February.

Publicity for Our Programs

The Micronesia Institute, a private, non-profit organization working for the advancement of the people of Micronesia, included information about the University of Oregon-Micronesia program development in their annual report for 1988, complete with a photograph.