

1 (Indiscernible), in September of 2005, as the fire was
2 going on, somebody e-mailed me pictures of the fire. I put the
3 pictures up just while the fire was still hot and people were
4 able to access (indiscernible) read the information.

5 (Indiscernible) an attorney from Chicago was
6 (indiscernible) he wanted to know something about
7 (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) about (indiscernible). He
8 ended up (indiscernible) vacation and told me (indiscernible)
9 the hospital fire. That's a success story.

10 We (indiscernible) communities in Hawai`i lies as
11 close as dot com, dot net. (Speaking in foreign language).
12 We're happy to help you. Thank you.

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14 (Audience applause.)

15 MR. SALVADOR: Thank you very much, Aenet. Again,
16 please keep your questions for (voice trailing).

17 The next speaker is Pastor Robert Lorin. He is
18 case manager and housing specialist at the Catholic Charities
19 Hawai`i and host of the Chuukese language program on KNDI. KNDI
20 radio is very supportive of putting on a Marshallese show and a
21 Chuukese show.

22 I think there was some attempts to create a Palau
23 show, but no one was interested in doing that, or nobody stepped
24 forward to work on creating a show (voice fades) people were
25 willing to help.

1 I asked the Pastor Lorin for a written bio. He
2 said, oh, it's okay; just tell 'em my name and move on. But I
3 think that's a very cultural of him, and I want to thank him
4 also for his participation. He's been very helpful in
5 Micronesian (audience interruption) efforts to assist other
6 Micronesian members, members of the Micronesian community. So
7 Robert.

8 Community Radio Programs KNDI 1270 AM

9 BY ROBERT LORIN:

10 Mahalo. Let me say something to my fellow Chuukese
11 before I go on what I planned to say. (Speaking in foreign
12 language.)

13 I (indiscernible) work at Catholic Charities Hawai`i
14 as a case manager/housing specialist. And while over there, I
15 exposed to a lot of challenges with our populations.

16 But I think the reason why I am sitting over here
17 is -- the title of this panel is to strengthen communications in
18 Micronesian community. And because I am the voice of Chuuk on
19 the KNDI radio station 1270 AM, Honolulu, that's the only reason
20 I'm up here.

21 I also acknowledge the owner and the CEO of the radio
22 station (indiscernible). Richard is right in stating that
23 they're very lenient and very nice to us, giving us time on the
24 radio station in order to disseminate information that is
25 important to us, from home and from the State of Hawai`i.

1 On Saturday, we have (indiscernible) radio station
2 comes on at 2 o'clock. They finish at 3:00. I come on at 3:00
3 as the voice of Chuuk, all the way to 4:00. And John Ishoda is
4 somewhere out there -- I don't know -- I think he comes on on
5 Wednesday. Oh, he comes on Wednesday? He comes on Wednesday as
6 the voice of Marshallese.

7 Strengthening communications in our communities.
8 Right now we are still in the building stage. So what I'm going
9 to talk to you about is those areas that I think works.

10 First of all, is the FAPE-based organization. You
11 want your program to be known faster than you blink your eyes,
12 you let the ministers know. In the church, I know before we
13 close, they always say it's time for announcement. That's when
14 we do announcement.

15 Second of all, it's the radio station. And Barbara
16 Tom, where you at? She's very good at whenever she wants
17 something, she e-mails me and say, can you put on the radio?
18 (Indiscernible) and a lot of this announcement we do is
19 concerning the public health. Either it be (indiscernible), or
20 the flu. Just about anything.

21 We're starting a partnership with the Pact. I think
22 (indiscernible). They're coming down to us, yeah. They have a
23 program that they want us to put on the radio; at the same time
24 they want us to put it to the churches, let the churches also
25 announce it. Eight weeks' preparation for students when they

1 come into (indiscernible) start class. Those are the kind of
2 things.

3 I think I can safely say that we can announce anything
4 as long as it's cleared by the boss. If she say it's a go, it's
5 a go. And the good thing about it, if it comes in English, we
6 say it in our language, which is most of the announcement that
7 they come to us. They (indiscernible) and then I will do it in
8 Chuukese, (indiscernible), Marshallese, or John Peterson would
9 say in Pohnpeian. He's a translator right there.

10 Now, does it cost money to do it? I think so. It
11 takes money to run this stuff, this station. But sometimes,
12 just out of her goodness, she let it slide.

13 We've been working with the Hawai`i Civil Service
14 department getting the (Indiscernible) ready for the satellite
15 debris that they coming down from somewhere way up there. And I
16 think the civil department is ready and it's because of
17 (indiscernible) that we're able to ask in our own language.

18 So when it happens, they just push a button on, the
19 siren would go on, the civil defense siren would go on. At the
20 same time, you turn on your TV -- might not be on -- but the
21 radio's gonna be on.

22 And if you're from Chuuk, you're gonna hear my voice.
23 If you're from Marshall, you're gonna hear Johnny
24 (indiscernible) -- just like our guys. Those are the kind of
25 things that we're trying to do to get the informations out. We

1 do it at home and Hawai`i. It's a challenge.

2 The information I'll get is from the web site at the
3 FSM Pohnpei. From Chuuk, they're still working on it. They're
4 still working on it. But from FSM, they have people that handle
5 the post, the news on the internet, and we pull it from there.

6 Now, if it's something very, very important, they
7 probably call because that's what we always say on the radio.
8 We want this to be a point of contact between us. If you have
9 anything that is important that you want us the people to know,
10 call us, 946-2845 or 2844.

11 If you want it in all languages -- we can also tell
12 you if you want it in all languages. Or if you just want it in
13 Chuuk, you wait at 3 o'clock when I come on and you call. Can I
14 just announce happy birthday to my auntie? Or could you say
15 that we're gonna have a Catholic get-together this coming
16 Sunday? Stuff like that I think (indiscernible).

17 But if you have two-three pages that I have to
18 translate, then (voice fading). Basically, that's where we at
19 on this island.

20 We don't have newspaper yet. (Voice fading away.)
21 Still working on it. They're still working on it. Don't worry;
22 still working on it. But this are some of the ways to
23 disseminate information that -- I'm not finished yet -- what
24 State of Hawai`i -- where is State of Hawai`i's -- what's their
25 part in this whole shish-kebob. I don't know. Where is that?

1 Maybe we can work together, yeah, try to ask for some
2 funds so we get a newspaper going for the Chuukese. Or if you
3 like these guys -- my hat's off to the Marshallese. They're on
4 the internet, and we're talking about nationwide, continental
5 United States, all (indiscernible).

6 Maybe one of the wizard, maybe one of the wizard can
7 get together and create something like this. (Indiscernible).
8 That's the only one that I know that we also have to
9 (indiscernible) pick whatever information they get on Father
10 (indiscernible) web site. Beside that, we're in trouble.

11 Again, my name is Robert Lorin. I come through here
12 about 20, going on 30 years ago, on my way to Oregon as a
13 student at Western Oregon College. I didn't finish the school.
14 Three years, I lost my scholarship.

15 I joined the marine corps. Twelve years I served in
16 the marine corps, two years inactive. So a total of 14 years.

17 I came out. I work at Catholic Charity. That's where
18 I am right now. I think I'm in a position where I could see
19 clearly some of the challenges that we still have from maybe
20 25 years ago. And I hope you guys out there can help us hurdle
21 some of the barriers that we still have. Thank you.

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23 (Audience applause.)

24 MR. SALVADOR: Thank you very much (indiscernible).
25 Appreciate it very much. Actually, Gloria (indiscernible) had