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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Post Storm Assessment of Typhoons Chata'an and Pongsona, Guam and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island (CNMI)

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject.

2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. Under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Hurricane Evacuation Study (HES) Program, funds were provided to the Honolulu District to prepare a post storm assessment of Typhoons Chata'an and Pongsona on Guam and Rota, CNMI. The objective of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of products provided in hurricane evacuation studies, identify areas of need, and make recommendations to the USACE. This information will then be used to develop future hurricane management products to better serve the local emergency management officials.

b. Funds in the amount of \$60,000 were provided from Headquarters, USACE in June 2003 for this effort. A contract was awarded the following month to a local architect-engineer (A/E) consultant in conjunction with other ongoing HES studies in the Pacific. In August 2003 the A/E and the District visited with the local civil defense officials of Guam and CNMI, to gather information and brief the local officials. The group met with representatives of the local Emergency Management Office, American Red Cross, Department of Education, Rota Health Center, Department of Public Safety, Community Center of Aging, and the Marianas Public Lands to gather information for the report.

c. The draft report is due early September 2003 and will be circulated for comment and review. The final report is due on 30 September 2003.

3. Congressional Interest. There is significant interest expressed from Representative Tenorio and CNMI management officials on the study results and recommendations.