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SPIVEY TO ATTEND SYMPOSIUM ON WATER DESALINATION

SAIPAN, M.I. (August 27)...John M. Spivey, Assistant Commissioner for Administration, currently on home leave, has been designated by the High Commissioner as the official representative of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands at the First International Symposium on Water Desalination to be held October 3 to 9 in Washington, D.C.

In announcing the Symposium--jointly sponsored by the Department of the Interior and the Department of State--Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said, "This exchange will be invaluable in advancing world technology. It is a giant step forward in the continuing search for economically feasible means of desalting the water of the earth."

Spivey will join delegates from 58 nations, scientists of world renown and representatives of leading industrial concerns from many countries who will gather to hear over 100 papers on water desalination.

Scientific papers on basic research, engineering development, engineering design studies, conversion plant operations and economics, energy sources, and economic and optimum design of systems will be

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delivered by representatives of 17 nations -- United States, United Kingdom, Spain, Israel, Japan, U.S.S.R., Germany, India, Greece, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Italy, South Africa, Kuwait, the Netherlands and France.

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