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SPROAT NAMED ACTING ADMINISTRATOR
PONAPE DISTRICT

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,
(APRIL 4)...High Commissioner M. W. Goding announced today the
assignment on detail of Manual M. Sproat, Director of Agriculture,
as acting district administrator of Ponape District effective
April 12, 1966. Mr. Sproat is being detailed to Ponape to fill
the post of District Administrator vice Mr. Robert Halvorsen who
has been seriously ill. During Mr. Sproat's detail as acting
district administrator, Leo Migvar, his assistant director, will
serve as acting director of agriculture on the Headquarters staff.

Ponape's district administration currently has two Micronesian
assistant district administrators--one for administration, Leo
Falcom, who is on extended leave attending the Woodrow Wilson
Graduate School of Public Administration, Princeton University.
The other assistant district administrator, Bailey Olter, who
works in the field of public affairs, also is a member of the House
of Delegates. Mr. Olter currently is acting as district administrator,

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having been assigned this temporary duty upon the illness of Mr. Halvorsen, pending designation of an interim acting district administrator by the High Commissioner. Mr. Olter's duties as a member of the Congress of Micronesia also will necessitate his taking leave in the near future.

The assignment of Mr. Sproat will place a senior member of the High Commissioner's staff in the top post of the Ponape District Administration. Mr. Sproat has had 20 years of service in various posts in the Trust Territory Government and is intimately familiar with Ponape and its problems.

Mr. Halvorsen, whose illness necessitated these assignments, also is one of the long-time employees of the Trust Territory Government, having served in a number of different posts during some 20 years of service with the Territory.