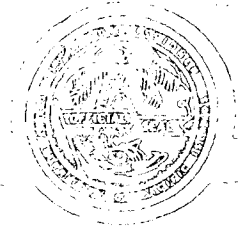


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### CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF TRUK AND PONAPE HOSPITALS AWARDED

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Aug. 19 . . . The award of a contract for architectural and engineering services to Stone, Marraccini, and Patterson of San Francisco, California for new hospital plants in Moen Island, Truk, and Ponape Island, Ponape District, was announced today by High Commissioner W.R. Norwood. The contract calls for schematic studies to be made as part of the initial project, followed by design development and development of working drawings and specifications for construction. The final stage will be provision of designated services during the actual construction phase.

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The new district hospitals will be specifically designed for conditions of a hot, humid, tropical climate in the typhoon zone and will be for 160 beds and all corollary hospital facilities with provision for expansion in the future to 220 beds. Special features of the new hospitals will include provision for Public Health activities as well as training facilities and trainee quarters. Another special feature will be dormitories for use by discharged out-island patients while they are awaiting transportation to their homes. The design work is to start immediately.

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Stone, Marraccini, and Patterson is a well-known architectural firm which has specialized in hospital design for over 18 years. The firm has recently completed hospital designs for American Samoa.

The firm was represented on Saipan by Mr. Dean Folker, Vice President and Mr. Ned Weiderholt, Consultant. Accompanied by Mr. Howard Waite, Trust Territory Chief Engineer, Mr. Folker and Mr. Weiderholt made an on-the-spot investigation of possible hospital sites on Moen Island in the Truk District.

Funds for the first increments of the Truk and Ponape hospitals have already been appropriated by the United States Congress and additional funds will be requested when a firm construction estimate has been developed by Stone, Marraccini and Patterson. When completed, the Truk and Ponape hospitals will be the most modern in the Trust Territory.

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