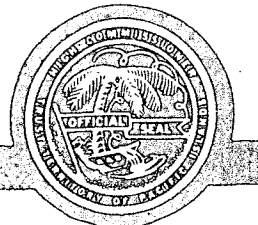


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### TT LETS CONTRACTS FOR PRE-ENGINEERING SURVEYS

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Dec. 21 . . . In preparation for anticipated increase in construction activities in the Territory during the coming year, the Trust Territory Government had contracted several firms to conduct pre-engineering studies in various districts, according to Assistant Commissioner for Administration Joseph F. Screen who also serves as Contracting Officer for the High Commissioner.

Ponape

Marshall's

Russell Smith of Austin, Smith and Associates, Inc., a Honolulu engineering firm, has just completed a pre-engineering survey on sewerage and total water resources on Saipan and Moen, Truk, including possible sites for the proposed new Truk Hospital. The Austin-Smith firm specializes in engineering for water, sewerage, and roads.

Yap

A similar contract has been let to Edward Eardley, a consulting engineer, who will survey electric power requirements on Saipan, Yap and Truk. Mr. Eardley had done similar surveys for Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands.

Palau

Mr. Screen said the preliminary engineering surveys in these areas of needs are being undertaken to determine the total requirements and

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the ~~magnitude~~ of costs for proper planning and budgeting purposes within the capital improvement program being contemplated for next year.

Also, as a result of a recent engineering report from Ponape, the Trust Territory Government has let a six-month contract with a Honolulu dredging firm to furnish a dredge captain and a leverman to supervise the dredging operation in Ponape District.

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