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- (a) The guidance of Civil Administration has effected the building or reconstruction of many of the homes on Koror. Quonset material from Peleliu has been made available for sale to individuals through USCG. Labor for this project has been supplied through the Palau Central Government who have also provided cargo space on Palau boats. Salvage Japanese material, otherwise worthless, has played an important part in the rehabilitation program.

On Angaur the former Coast Guard area was rehabilitated and occupied by nine native families. This expansion of living quarters will eliminate some of the frictions caused by having the three former Angaur villages crowded into one area. Painting and reconstruction work has been completed on the Angaur police station, jail, village powerhouse, and Native Affairs office building. All work was done by the Angaurese. Paint for the public buildings was supplied by Civil Administration.

Pelelie is well supplied with native housing. Organization of the native villages on the island has been completed. Organization of handicraft production is well established.

Rehabilitation in Babelthup proceeds more slowly due to the distances involved, transportation difficulties, and the more self sufficient temper of the inhabitants.

Four 56 foot Quonsets were made available to Tobi and Sonsorol for use as schools and Abais, and are presently being delivered to these islands by the Palau Station ship.

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(b) Rehabilitation of the schools progresses slowly in the outlying district. Angaur school was removed to a more favorable location on higher ground away from the sea. Koror school still needs much repair work. The Koror school building, the former Japanese Hospital, is basically sound, being of reinforced concrete construction, and has been undergoing rehabilitation for a long period of time. Many delays have been occasioned because of lack of materials. As stated in sub-paragraph (a) Quonsets have been provided for school buildings in the Southwest Islands. Babelthup schools are generally in poor repair and due to communication and transport shortages rehabilitation there progresses slowly. All building materials, water collection materials, paint and cement are needed in most of the districts to put the school buildings in proper repair.

(c) The Protestant church under Missionary Fey has completed its Mission House At Koror. The first services were held in its new home in September. Father John Bizakarra, S. J., pastor of the Roman Catholic Mission on Koror has planned and superintended excellent work in the repair of their badly damaged Mission church.

(d) During the last quarter many "Abais" were either started or completed. Most of them are being constructed from Quonset material from Peleliu. The Koror "Abai" is completed. Ngial, Ngaraard, Nghesar, Ngeremlengui are all in the process of building their own. The general outlook for the complete rehabilitation of the "Abai" is good.

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(e) Other building is proceeding apace. Business houses are going up on Koror; new stores are being built in some of the districts and private dwelling construction is satisfactory. The districts of Ngial, Melekieok have new homes; Koror, Ngaraard and Ngarhelong are also rebuilding. The crowded conditions of many homes is slowly being alleviated by this added construction.