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**TRUST TERRITORY AIR PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT COMPLETES STAGE 1  
OF THE PROGRAM**

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Aug. 4 . . . The Trust Territory Department of Resources and Development has recently completed the first phase of the Trust Territory Air Photography Project, according to High Commissioner W. R. Norwood.

Truk

The area covered was the southeastermost perimeter of the Majuro Atoll from Ejit Island to Dalap Island. This aerial photography covered the entire district center and environs and the photographs clearly showed the land use patterns and buildings.

Ponape

A specially fitted DC-4 aircraft, made available by Colonel Frank C. Healy, Commanding Officer, U. S. Army Kwajalein Test Site, in conjunction with their own program in the area, made several runs and photographs were taken at altitudes of 1000 and 1500 feet. Sixty four photographs covered the area at 1000 feet and 23 photographs covered the same area at 1500 feet. All the photographs overlapped which is an essential requirement for compiling high order mapping from aerial photographs using the stereoscopic principle.

Marshalls

Yap

Ground surveys, to provide horizontal and vertical control, were carried out by Majuro District Land Management staff co-ordinated by Chief Surveyor Fred A. Robinson, who spent several weeks in Majuro. Acting District Surveyor Gister de Brum and Peace Corps Surveyor Mike

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Allen supervised field survey parties. Ground markers, which showed up quite clearly in the aerial photographs, were placed at intervals throughout the area covered by photography.

The preparation of topographic maps, cadastral maps, land use maps and planning data maps is but one of the new Division of Land Management's many activities. The Majuro Air Photography is Stage 1 of the Trust Territory Air Photography Project. The next areas to be covered will be Koror and environs and southern Babelthuap in the Palau District and the Yap Islands Group. It is expected the photography will be carried out in August 1967. The entire project was planned and is being co-ordinated by the Headquarters Division of Land Management.

High Commissioner W. R. Norwood and Marshalls District Administrator Dwight Heine, have expressed their appreciation for the close co-operation and assistance afforded by the Commanding Officer of the Kwajalein Test Site, Colonel Frank C. Healy, and his staff.

With the imminent arrival of Hawaii Architects and Engineers, Inc., a well known firm of master planners under contract to the Trust Territory Government to carry out urban and island planning of Majuro, and ten other islands or areas, the information gained from these aerial photographs will be of significant value to their work. Mapping produced from this photography will be available within the next few months according to William A. McGrath, Director of Land Management.

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