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BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES FOR MEMBERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM

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SAIPAN, M.I. (July 1)...The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands has contracted with a U.S. firm, Robert Nathan Associates, Inc., for the use of an economic development team to make a survey of the economic potentialities of the Territory.

Following are biographies of the three members of the team, who have already started their work.

Ivan Bloch (Chief of Party)--Born in Geneva, Switzerland and educated there and in the United States. Graduate electrical engineer with training at Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio and Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, New York. Took graduate work in electronics and atomic physics at New York University. Taught first engineering course in television principles in New York, 1930-1932. Did miscellaneous consulting work in New York City in electrical engineering to 1935.

Joined U.S. Rural Electrification Administration in 1935 in Washington, D.C. and became special assistant to administrator with tours of duty with Water Resources Board of U.S. National Resources Planning Board. Joined U.S. Department of Interior in 1938 and became chief of Division of Resources and Industrial Development for

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the U.S. Bonneville Power Administration. Also was special consultant on the industrial development of the West and Alaska for Secretaries of the Interior Ickes, Krug and Chapman.

Formed an industrial consulting firm in 1947, Ivan Bloch and Associates, with headquarters in Portland, Oregon. Continued work in industrial and resources development in Pacific Northwest, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, Alaska. Advisor to Chief Minister, Jamaica, West Indies, on power system and bauxite exploitation. Formulated initial plan of industrial and resources development for U.S.-Philippine Governments in late 1952. Undertook analytical review of industrial and resources development of Chile for United Nations and Chilean government.

Formed engineering partnership for public works in North Pacific area, North Pacific Consultants, principally in power, airfield and port development. Married, two grown children.

James R. Leonard--Born St. Louis, Missouri in 1933. Served in U.S. Army from 1949 to 1952. Did undergraduate and graduate work in economics at the University of Texas, 1952-1956. Ph. D. graduate work at Northwestern University, 1957-1959.

From 1957 to 1963, taught undergraduate and graduate courses in economics at Montana State University. From 1963 to 1964, was member of the graduate faculty in the department of economics, Ohio State University. During the period 1957 to 1964, engaged in economic consulting work for major labor unions and business firms. Published scholarly papers and technical reports.

Since 1964, has been an associate in the firm of Robert R. Nathan Associates, Inc. Served with Robert R. Nathan, Inc. as desk officer administering Robert R. Nathan, Inc. development contracts with developing countries, and as general consultant to private firms.

Married, two children.

J. Raymond Carpenter--Born in White Plains, New York in 1930. Obtained training with B.S. in agricultural economics from Cornell University and M.S. in same field from University of Toronto in 1962. Discharged from U.S. Navy in 1955.

Served as agricultural economist with U.S. Department of Agriculture on Potomac River Survey with responsibility for studies in the economics of soil and water management including flood control, drainage, irrigation and watershed protection in 1959-1960. Conducted land use and income study in Central Ontario for Ontario Department of Agriculture, jointly with Canada Department of Agriculture, in 1961-62. In 1962 became program assistant and agricultural economist for U.S. Agency for International Development in Ghana. Later, was assigned to position of agricultural economist in farm management, operating in the Ohawu Mechanization Center. Responsibilities, including the supervision of development and training phases of the Center, encompassed the setting up of a 112-acre demonstration farm. Initiated the setting up of small irrigation demonstration project and the development of trial data on a number of vegetables being introduced in Ghana by U.S. A.I.D. Made arrangements for the acquisition of grain storage and drying facilities.

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Has published a number of reports on agricultural economics reflecting project activities.

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