

The past several reports have pointed out the need for lumber particularly for reconstruction of schools and churches. This report emphasizes the same requirements but when the difficulties of transportation and the general shortage of building materials in the United States are considered, it must be acknowledged that no immediate solution to the problem is likely: It is therefore clear that an increasing reliance must be placed on the use of strictly native materials, including mats for siding, coral for decks and breadfruit for ridge poles.

When the complete report of the scientists now in the field becomes available a re-evaluation of land ownership and tenure will be made. Facts may be brought to light demonstrating that the few claims filed in Truk are not indicative of the scope of the problem.