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1. Rehabilitation - Repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed native structures and facilities: -

(a) Character and extent of Civil Administration assistance - The repair and or replacement of damaged or destroyed native structures has long since been an accomplished fact in the Majuro area. Efforts in recent months have been directed toward community improvement programs, new or better building, face lifting of present structures, etc. As the rehabilitation of community buildings is completed, the assistance of Civil Administration in respect to material support is no longer required. There remains a definite need for home building materials however, and the first shipment of cut lumber is now on the way to begin meeting the problem. Native material is stressed in all construction wherever feasible, however, lacking an indigenous lumber supply and other items some construction problems need outside assistance, such as fly proof heads, and clean uniform water catchment surfaces.

(b) Schools - Four of the schools mentioned as being in the process of construction in the last quarterly report, reference (f), have been completed. Majuro Island's new school was dedicated on 26 August 1947 with appropriate ceremony and accompanying celebration. Kaven Village, Maloelap Atoll and Tabal Village, Aur Atoll both completed their buildings each of which is of thatch construction using cut lumber for framing. Melel Village on Arno Atoll has a new school in which the fram timbers are hand hewn from local wood, The field report describes the edifice as one of the prettiest buildings on the whole atoll and a positive addition to the appearance of the village.

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As at Melel, new schools under construction at Arno Village, Arno Atoll and Lukunor Village, Mille Atoll are using hand hewn timbers for framing and native thatch for siding. These two plus schools underway at Dodo Village, Arno Atoll and Nallo Village, Mille Atoll will be finished during the next quarter as the construction is well along on each building.

Major credit for the impetus present in building new schools should go to the native teachers graduated last June from the Marshallese Teacher Training School at Majuro. In every case the new teacher brought a new progressive community spirit into the village with a strong desire and incentive for improvement. Not only have new schools been built in many Villages and repairs made on others, but new desks and other school equipment has been constructed.

(c) Churches - As stated in previous reports each Village has its own Church, many of them beautiful native structures. Salvaged tin from abandoned quonsets was furnished the church on Majuro Island for roof repairs. Nallo Village on Mille Atoll brightened their church with a new coat of paint during the quarter.

(d) Community Buildings - New dispensaries have been completed at Kaven Village, Maloelap Atoll and Aur Village Aur Atoll. Nallo Village on Mille Atoll has completed a guest house for visiting Civil Administration Officers, adjoining the town hall. Tabal Village has a native style guest house approximately three quarters finished. The dispensary on Majuro Island was given a new coat of paint.

(e) Other- Community Copra storage sheds have been built and are now in use at Tabal and Aur Villages on Aur Atoll and are being readied at Ine and Arno Villages, Arno

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Atoll, and Nallo Village on Mille Atoll. Majuro Island is converting their old school buildings to copra storage sheds now that the new school is finished. Hand hewn lumber is now cut and drying at Kaven Village for their new copra warehouse.

Twelve new native style homes have been built in the territory along with a new cistern and several heads. As previously stated home building is awaiting the arrival of supplies to implement the program. Indigenous supplies are very limited, there being too few trees on any atoll to warrant a saw mill for instance to speed up lumber procurement. Six new outrigger canoes have recently been built, all being cut and formed with hand tools, twelve other have been repaired or refitted.

The coconut grove cleaning program continues apace. Most of immediate village areas are well brushed out and cleaned up. Efforts are now being directed toward brushing out whole islands, working away from every village.

Extensive replanting programs are in operation on every atoll. Each village generally has one day aweek set aside for making new plantings, some have individual quotas for all males from 18 to 60. The following figures will indicate the extent of some of the operations during the quarter:

	Coconuts	Pandanus	Breadfruit	Banana
Lukunor, Mille A oll pop.115	115	72	6	36
Nallo, Mille Atoll pop.144	1285	215	160	48
Aur Village, Aur Atoll pop.157	1405	778	23	30

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Our first visit to Wotje Atoll in September indicated a similar type program. However due to lack of locally available nuts and shoots it is planned to bring in some better type coconuts from the southern atolls and some pandanus and breadfruit from Aur Atoll on the next field trip to further aid those people. Wotje of all atolls in the area will require the most extensive program.