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2. DATE:	April 14, 1966	2 P
3. CITY & STATE:	Oakland, Calif.	233
4. LOCATION IN CI	ITY: Goodman Hall, Jack London Square, Oakland - large banquet hal capable of seating about 1200 people: The capable of seating about 1200 people INVITATIONAL:	1,
	p: PMG will be the principal attraction, but there will be	- ;h
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SPECIAL ISSUES:	: Congressman on Appropriations Sub-Committee - See attached.	
TO AVOID:	See attached	
TO STRESS:	See attached	
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Testimonial Dinner - major kickoff for campaign reelection Congressman Jeffrey Cohelan, 7th of Calif. X2661 Talked with Peter Clute, Adm. Asst.

Cohelan on Appropriations Sub-Committee and has had a close working relationship with the PMG, whom he has known for at least six years. Congressman now in his 8th year at Congress and has cooperated on both New Frontier and Great Society programs - "leadership" angle.

To STRESS - In primary, Cohelan is up against Robert SCHEER, foreign editor of the RAMPARTS Magazine, which advocates PEACE AT ANY COST. See articles Feb. 7 Wash. Post "LEFTIST WRECKING CREW" by Evans and Novak and see Feb. 2/22 Wash. Post. John Chamberlain article for background on Scheer and Ramparts and district problem.

Opponent, Scheer) main thrusts in primary will be on following:

1. Biggest issue, Vietnam - Opponent just returned from Cambodia where he visited at invitation of Prince. (COHELAN, on the other hand, "supports President's policy in Vietnam, although raised many questions urging accelerated diplomatic efforts to get an early peace".)

Scheer is, literally, a bearded, Far-out LEFTIST, operating off Berkely campus, although having no official capacity. Has helped picket, stop trains - etc.- at Berkeley. Pickets worked Congressman's ½ Oakland office - at times as many as 600 - ands some arrested to break up demonstration.

2. Second big issue - War on Poverty, and in this area opponent says it is not getting to the people it should.

Background of 7th Dst. shows that great bulk of Oakland and West Oakland has been identified publicly as potential WATTS and a tinder box. 25-30% of population of W.Oakland are Negroes and unemployment 2 to 7 times as much as in other places, as high as 30%. This is sustained, consistent high unemployment as district designed for Emergency Aid because of this consistently high unemployment.

Congressman is, of course, not satisfied with War on Poverty, eitherneed nore vigorous efforts to see that historic Congressional and Presidential efforts against War on Poverty are implemented - Neither the Adm. nor the Congressman are complacent about the situation as it stands - but can point to statistics as follows:

Thru January 1, 1966/- \$48 million in poverty funds came into Calif., over \$6 million into 7th Congres. Dst. alone

3 and Problem looming large, on basis of above, is CIVIL RIGHTS.

In the <u>GENERAL ELECTIONS</u> Congressman(hopefully) will face a far-out, staunch Republican, one who falls just short of being a John Bircher, Malcolm CHAMPLIN - 200% American firster, a super patriot, waves flags of Communism and morality.

whelsn, then, won't swing far left in primary.

The Seventh of Calif. had been a marginal district for years:

won 1958 by 2500 votes; in 1960 by 19,000; in 1962 by 38,000; and
in 1964 by 50,000. But in the last two elections, Congressman
faced young nonenities and he knows that the upcoming elections
pose most severe political tests ever. He fully expects that his
primary opponent will get 1/4 to 1/3 of the votes. Then in general
elections, he will be facing a well-financed, active and well-known
Republican. Campaigners nervous about primary, but really big threat
is actually resides in the general elections.
Congressman will run on his record and on that of the Kennedy-Johnson
adm.

Above supplied by Peter CLUTE who has promised to mail additional biograp material, newsletters, campaign speeches (earlier ones) give additional 1 on district problems, etc.

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The proposed new facility at Oakland, Calif. is the 2nd largest lease facility ever awarded, 2nd only to Detroit. On 2/9/66 the Department awarded an Agreement to dease to S. S. Silberblatt, N.Y. for a wholly air-conditioned facility at an annual rental of \$1,372,000 during basic lease term of 30 years. Lessor has reimbursed Government for A & E contract cost and for land. Contest is to start early in May and to be completed in 1100 days.

Agreement provides for 900,000 SF net interior and an adjacent Vehicle Maintenance Facility; building will have a platform of 40,946 SF and a driving, parking and maneuvering area (for patron and employee pkg as well as postal trucks) of 542,00 SF. Site is in downtown industrial district of Oakland, in a 12 block me area bounded by Wood, 7th and Peralta Sts. and the So. Pacific RR, with excellent highway access for nearby Nimitz Freeway and me good public transportation. Workroom will be on 3 floors and offices and lobbies on 4 floors.

Oakland's civic atmosphere reportedly is extremely tense: the Mayor is understood to be resigning and the Chief of Police has already done so. Contract Compliance Examiner Vernon Strange suggests caution against possibility that demonstrations may be organized along the route of the PMG if extensive publicity is given to Mr. O'Brien's program for the California trip.

RAMPARTS for Feb. 1966 reports: "Oakland's ruling mentality is basically deep southern: conservative, Protestant, dreary, friendly to those who accept their perspectives, vindictive to any who challenge them."

Oakland)

Prime contractor on the \$18,416,000 project at/is S. S. Silberblatt, who professes an affirmative position on equal opportunity but shows little in in practice. Examiner Strange's contacts so far - - not knowing who will do actual construction work on the project -- have been with building trades' unions and community organizations, such as NAACP and CORE. His groundwork has probably been preventing a Watts-Type uprising and pt possible repetition of St. Louis arch problem. SEE ENCLOSURE / (report of Examiner Strange) for exploration of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) problem, and more details on above.

The new Oakland facility will handle postal and suctoms operations now performed in the following kex locations:

OAKLAND: Bayshore Annex (all letter mail and incoming 2 3rd-class);

Bayshore Garage (Vehicle Maintenance

Parcel Post Anney, Bldg. 1102 (all parcel post am and outgoing 3rd-class)

Main Office (administration)

All these offices will be abandoned except main office which will become a downtown station.

BERKELEY: Berkeley Annex (incoming parcel post distribution) to be abandoned.

SAN FRANCISCO: Ferry Annex (distribution of foreign outbound mails; segregation of intend mails for customs examination) to be abandon POSTAV Concentration Center: 390 Main St. (military mails); to be abondoned or to relieve Rincon;

Customs Space 350 Mission Str (customs examination) to be adond-

Rincon Annex (some residue parcel post distribution)

Occupancy of new bldg. 3 years away, so no work & started on staffing problems resulting from transfer of functions from San Francisco to Oakland.

A January 1966 inspection under the <u>mail observation program</u> showed inadequate space, equipment and employee facilities. Shortage of manpower and heavy overtime contribute to low production. Inspector recommended additional space be procured for Parcel Post Terminal and transfer of some activities there. The new facility will partially relieve problem.

New construction scheduled for Oakland include Dimond Station - author. 8/23/65; Eastmont Station - author. 4/1/65; Grand Lake Staty - author. 5/2/63; Laurel State author. 1/13/64; and Temescal State author. 5/2/63. For further details on space and status, SEE ENCLOSURE NO. 2

Also scheduled for new construction in Alameda County are: Berkeley, Calif. - Sather Gate Statter author. 6/11/62

Freemont, Calif. - author. 9.11.64

Mt. Eden, Calif. - author. 3.10.66 (For details, see ENCLOSURE NO. 3.)

New construction for the Dublin Branch of Pleasanton, Calif., was author. and is now awaiting new space survey. Removed For details, see ENCLOSURE 3

General During past Christmas season, the San Francisco Region developed a vehicle dispatch central control board to direct unscheduled mail movements by Government vehiclex xxxxi service for both San Francisso and Oakland, Calif. and is war now improving this management tool for daily use. When dispatchers become proficient, many driver hours should be saved by reduced deadhead travel and increased use of tandem operation between Oakland and S. Francisco. See Enclosure 4 1

MECHANIZATION

Present office has 2 Mark II type high speed facer-cancelers with semi-automatic edger-stacker feed systems, the latter bought this fiscal year. OR&E has several contracts with FMC Corp., San Jose, Calif., for dev. of improved mailing processing # eqpt, namely; letter sorter; mail preparation lines; sack transport and sorting equipment; and parcel sorting equipment.

The Oakland Army Terminal Facility is testing a prototype sack sorting system (developed under contract with FMC), to werk determine its practicability for use in major mechanization facility planning. This equipment is capable of accepting and sorting 2000 sacks per hour. The primary was in operation and the secondary was being "run in" and should have been operable by April 10, 1966, but on April 5, POD Maintenance empl. and FMC engineers started the eqpt. and ran the 5PM to 2 AM shift, & starting April 6, 2 shifts were in opn. Striking machinists had not returned to work by April 8. Ree anclosures

Mech. for the new facility (estimated to cost about\$5% million) was advertised for bids on 2.21.66, with bid opening scheduled for 4.24.66. Mechanization is of latest design and consists of approx. 4.75 miles of belt conveyors, eight over and under tray type parcel sorting machines; 3 over-and-under tray type sack-sorting machines, employing semi-automatic sack loaders plus a monorail sack-sorter, The Parcel pas sorting eqpt. employs computerized memory systems to allow the operation to sort by ZIP Code. Each parcel and sack sorting machine will provide for a mx maximum of 3,600 sorts per hour. POMSIP studies conducted at Oakland from 9.17.62 to 12.1.63.

POSTMASTER - John F. Bushell, b. 11.3.08. Appt. Act. PM 4.20.62 and PM 4.26.63 at Salary of \$16,803, PFS 16. Appointed substitute carrier 4.1.39, carrier 7.16.41 and clerk in charge on 6.1.51 and from 1951 progressed through supervisory positions including General Supt. of Mails.

Inspection Rept. dated 7.13.62 indicated a satisfactory office but that of 2.2.65 disclosed weakness in Financial Operations and General Administration.

Regional repts. indicate a satisfactory office. San Francisco Region recommended Oakland be given Citation of Merit in connection with President Johnson's Natural Beauty Program

For further information on memberships see ENCLOSURE NO

In Suggestion Program Activities, Oakland was 29th of 49 post offices of Group III during Fy 1965; at end of A/P 9 in FY 66 was 21st, w/k2 132 suggestions and adopted for value of 18,741.00.

RECRUITMENT

In the December 1965, registers were inadequate but should now be improved because of publicity during October and November which brought more than enough applicants for testing and rating.

No regular contacts maintained with monority group organizations.

Equal Employment Opportunity - Asst. PM expressed dissatisfaction with our great concern over X EEO; he feels this program discriminates in reverse.

For further information and stat. howards breakdown, see ENCLOSURE NO.

ABCD installed 5.1.63 with 83 collection points at present.

NIMS - Representative: Herbert Cooks, Superintendent, Postal Services. 54 members of Mail Users Council generated 20% of \$12\$14.3 million in 1965 receipts and 17% of 187.5 million pieces of 1st-class mail. 1627 postage meter accounts brought receipts of \$7 million.

1st-class mail volume after 5PM m has been reduced from 73.7% of 5 years ago, to 55%, above the national average of 50.9%. The Postmaster recently advanced 30 clerks to begin their tours one hour earlier (5 PM) and 27 new clerks have been assigned to start their tours at same km time.

ZIP Man CODMall of 84 mailers contacted agreed to participate in ZIP Code - 78 to use it in stationery and all to convert their address files. 51 have exercise already converted to minuse phases agreed upon & 8 sorting in ZIP CODE Exercise sequence, altho. no presorted mail reported on Quarter Mak III NIMS test. Feb. 21 sampling of 1st-class mail from private indiv. and small bus. firms, 58.8% used ZIP in return address and 37.3% in mailing address, comparing favorable with national averages of 51.9% and 44.2% respectively.

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Memorandum · POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Postmaster General's Trip Oakland, California

DATE: MAR 28 1966

FROM: James J. Wilson Assistant General Counsel IN REPLY RBJ:mmb 37=D=1

YOUR REFERENCE:

To: Timothy J. May General Counsel

The Department on February 9, 1966, accepted the low bid of \$1,373,200.00 annual rental for the basic 30 year term submitted by S. S. Silberblatt, Inc., for the construction and lease of the Oakland, California facility.

The Department heretofore acquired the approximately 20 acre site for this facility at a cost of \$1,966,000.00. The land for the site will be conveyed by the Department to S. S. Silberblatt, Inc. Pursuant to the terms of the accepted Agreement to Lease, the successful bidder is required within 45 calendar days from the date of acceptance of the bid, to reimburse the Department for the above site acquisition cost and for the Architect contract expenditures in the sum of \$496,000.

The Contracting Officer has granted the successful bidder a 30 day time extension until April 25 to remit the above costs. The bidder is to pay interest thereon at the rate of \$300 per day. The bidder is also being advised that any further delay will not be countenanced.

James J. Wilson

Assistant General Counsel Real Property Division Information for the Postmaster General's trip to Oakland, San Francisco and Stockton, California on April 14-16.

Suggestion Program Activity Piscal Year 1965

Suggestion Participation	Percentage of Suggestions Adopted	Dollar-Value Benefits per Adoption	
Service-Wide Data 33%	23.6	\$ 149.40	
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 36% Average of Group III 48%	23.9 25.2	33.66 160.87	
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 21.2% Average of Group II 33%	21.7	286.90 191.53	
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 42% Average of Group V 45%	16.3 30.4	82.70 101.04	

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA was 29th of the 49 post offices in competition in Group III during Fiscal Year '65. At the end of A/P 9 in Fiscal Year '66 OAKLAND is the 21st office with 620 suggestions received, 132 adopted for a dollar-value benefit of \$18,741.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA was No. 7 of 11 offices in Group II in 1965 with a total of 1,286 received, 282 adopted and benefits of \$80,906. So far in 1966 (A/P 9) this office is No. 8, receiving 547, approved 181 with a dollar-value benefit of \$35,928.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA received 102 suggestions, approved 34 for a dollar-value benefit of \$2,812 during Fiscal Year 1965. At the end of the Third Quarter of the current year, STOCKTON has received 126 suggestions, adopted 21 and has reported dollar savings of \$7,732.

In the San Francisco post office a new election was ordered in February for the motor vehicle craft. In previous election eligible lists were mailed late to employee organizations and election notices were posted late. In ordering new election, parties will be given eligibility lists and election notices will be posted two weeks before election period - 181 employees are involved.

In Stockton, a new election was ordered late in March in maintenance custodial craft because previous eligibility list included only 5 of 16 eligibles.

Memorandum · POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Postmaster General's Trip to San Francisco, Oakland, and Stockton, Calif., April 14-16.

DATE: April 8, 1966

FROM: Director
Office of Research and Engineering

IN REPLY REFER TO:

YOUR REFERENCE:

IO: Special Assistant to the Postmaster General for Public Information

> Reference is made to your request for information in connection with the Postmaster General's trip to California. The following is some general information regarding the areas to be visited:

Oakland, California (Post Office & Vehicle Maintenance Facility)

"Agreement to Lease" was awarded to S. S. Silberblatt, New York City, on February 9, 1966, for the second largest postal facility ever to be constructed under the Post Office Department leasing program. Postal site contains approximately 890,000 square feet and is located in the downtown industrial district of Oakland in a 12 block area bounded by Wood, Seventh, and Peralta Streets and the Southern Pacific Railroad. There is excellent highway access from the nearby Nimitz Freeway and adjacent local streets. Good public transportation is also available. The main building facing Seventh Street is a reinforced concrete structure consisting of three floors of workroom with a public lobby and three floors of office space comprising approximately 900,000 square feet. Building will be completely air conditioned. Approximately 45 spaces are provided for patron parking with ample parking facilities for officials, employees, and postal trucks. Vehicle Maintenance Facility of approximately 24,000 square feet is located on the west side of the main building in the area allocated for parking of postal vehicles. The architecture of the building is of contemporary design, influenced by the seismic requirements which are expressed through the use of reinforced concrete buttresses on the exterior of the building. Local firm of Architects -- Stone, Marraccini, Patterson and Associates -- was responsible for the preparation of working drawings and specifications, and it is anticipated that the construction will be completed early in 1969.

Mechanization for the new facility (estimated to cost about 5½ million dollars) at Oakland was advertised for bids on February 21, 1966. Bid opening is scheduled for April 24, 1966. The mechanization is of the

latest design consisting of approximately 4.75 miles of belt conveyors, eight over and under tray type parcel sorting machines, three over and under tray type sack sorting machines employing semi-automatic sack loaders plus a monorail sack sorter. The parcel sorting equipment employs computerized memory systems to allow the operation to sort by Zip Code. Each parcel and sack sorting machine will provide for a maximum of 3,600 sorts per hour.

San Francisco, California (Air Mail Facility)

Garage

The site is located at San Francisco Airport and adjacent to Taxiway "R". It contains approximately 5.4 acres which include parking areas for officials, employees and postal trucks. The building is a onestory reinforced concrete structure, completely air conditioned, with areas for the storage and dispatch of air mail carts. The new facility will provide approximately 165,000 square feet of postal space at 10 years level and includes customs activities. Provision has been made for adding a second floor to meet the postal space needs 20 years hence. The architecture of the building is of contemporary design expressed through the use of reinforced concrete frame with hard faced brick panels and is compatible with the adjoining structures. Working drawings and specifications were completed by architectural firms of Charles Luckman Associates and John S. Bolles in December 1965. Lease Agreement for the construction was awarded to M. H. McCloskey of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 1966, and the estimated completion date of the building is February 1968.

Sacramento, California

Lease Award - July 1, 1964.

Lessor - Knowlton Construction Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Architect-Engineer - Leo A. Daly Co., San Francisco, California.

Lease Completion Date - February 21, 1966; 30-day time extension granted.

Acceptance by POD Estimate - April 11, 1966.

Scope of Project - Land - 567,429 square feet

Building - 260,416 square feet

Platform - 15,171 square feet

21,696 square feet.

Stockton, California

The Post Office Department, with GSA as Contracting Officer, has a contract for the fabrication of 4,000 one-fourth ton vehicles. This contract is with West Coast Machinery. The pilot model was inspected; however, another inspection was scheduled for the first week in April 1966.

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Oakland Army Terminal - Postal Facility

FMC Corporation has installed the sack storage and distribution system in the Oakland Army Terminal. This equipment is capable of accepting and sorting 2,000 sacks per hour. The primary is in operation and the secondary is being "run in" and we hope to have it operable by April 10, 1966.

Research and Development Contracts

OR&E has several contracts with FMC Corporation, San Jose, California, for the development of improved mailing processing equipment. These items are:

- 1. Letter sorter
- 2. Mail preparation line
- 3. Sack transport and sorting equipment

4. Parcel sorting equipment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum . POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Postmaster General's Visit to Oakland and San Francisco, California

DATE:

April 5, 1966

FROM: Mr. Tolson

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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YOUR REFERENCE:

TO: Mr. Swygert

POMSIP Studies were conducted in the San Francisco and Oakland post offices as follows:

Oakland - Sept. 17, 1962 -- December 1, 1963

San Francisco - Jan. 6, 1964 -- March 20, 1964

POD Form 31A Dec. 1963

PO 668-922

Memorandum . POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Postmaster General's Trip to Oakland, San

Francisco and Stockton, California

DATE: April 8, 1966

FROM: Space & Mechanization Requirements p

Bureau of Operations

IN REPLY
REFER TO: CHO:JEO:RAS:rah

YOUR REFERENCE:

10: Mr. Barker

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Briefing material for Mr. O'Brien's trip to Oakland, San Francisco and Stockton, California follows:

SPACE

SAN FRANCISCO

AMF - Planning for the building is completed and the project is ready for a lease award. The building will provide 167,165 square feet of space on a site of 235,000 square feet. The building is designed to allow for addition of a partial second floor workroom if required in the future.

Ferry Annex - This is an old building with operations on six floors and no mechanization. Until last fall all mails for foreign countries and military mails for Pacific units were processed here. With the build-up of military in the Pacific it was necessary to find other space for the military mails. When the new Oakland facility is completed the foreign mail operation will be moved to Oakland and Ferry Annex will be abandoned. The urban renewal people have been anxious for us to vacate for several years.

PCC (Postal Concentration Center) - This old GSA warehouse was obtained last fall for handling all classes of military mail. We occupy a total of 237,000 square feet on six floors. Belt transport systems between floors have been reactivated; new lighting and painting have made the building suitable for the purpose. More than \$500,000 in modernization funds were obligated to GSA for required improvements. When the new AMF is occupied the military air mail operation will be moved back there. When the Oakland building is completed, the balance of the military operation will go there. This building or such portion as needed will then be available to provide relief for Rincon Annex.

Rincon Annex - This Federal building houses the principal San Francisco operation. The building is badly crowded particularly in the dock and outside areas. For several years, we have been under pressure to initiate a project for extension and modernization of this building. We have

POD Form 81 July 1964 repeatedly taken the position that such a project should be delayed until the new SF AMF and Oakland buildings are in operation. We will then be in a better position to accurately determine an appropriate solution to the Rincon Annex problems.

General - There have been no serious objections from the San Francisco people regarding the pending transfer of military, foreign and customs operations to Oakland. This is general knowledge with field officials. However, the Oakland building and machinery will be able to accept and process some parcel post originating in San Francisco. Discussion of this possibility has been held to the minimum necessary for planning purposes with the thought that this decision can be deferred for the time being.

OAKLAND

A construction contract has been awarded for the new Oakland building. The contract calls for completion in about 3 years (1,100 days). The 19.6 acre site is owned by the Post Office Department and is adjacent to the Southern Pacific Railroad property where large volumes of bulk mails are received and dispatched. The building will provide 945,560 square feet of space. The workroom will be on three floors. The offices and lobbies will be on four floors. A vehicle maintenance facility of 25,000 square feet will be on the same site. The building is the second largest ever developed under our leasing program. Detroit has been the largest to date.

The new Oakland facility will house closely related postal and customs operations now occupying space in the following buildings:

	Functions to new Oakland	
Location	Facility	Disposition
Oakland	All letter mail and incoming third class	To be abandoned
Oakland	Vehicle Maintenance	To be abandoned
Oakland	All parcel post and outgoing third class	To be abandoned
Oakland	Administration	To become a downtown station
Oakland	Classified Station	To be discontinued
Berkley	Incoming Parcel Post Distribution	To be abandoned when main office is modernized
	Oakland Oakland Oakland Oakland	Location Facility Oakland All letter mail and incoming third class Oakland Vehicle Maintenance Oakland All parcel post and outgoing third class Oakland Administration Oakland Classified Station Berkley Incoming Parcel Post

<u>Facility</u>	Location	Functions to new Oakland Facility	Disposition
Ferry Annex	San Fran.	Distribution of Foreign outbound mails. Segregation of inbound mails for customs examination	To be abandoned
PCC (390 Main Street)	San Fran	Military Mails	To relieve Rincon Annex or be abandoned
Customs Space (350 Mission St.)	San Fran	Customs examination	To be abandoned
Rincon Annex	San Fran	Some residue parcel post distribution	Space gained will relieve present crowded conditions

As occupancy of the new building is three years away we have not started work on the staffing problem that will result from the transfer of functions from San Francisco to Oakland.

STOCKTON

Main Office - A new leased facility providing 53,335 square feet was occupied November 19, 1966.

VMF - A new vehicle maintenance facility of 7,000 square feet is located on the same site as the new main office.

Homestead Station - A new building of approximately 5,300 square feet is in the planning stage.

MECHANIZATION

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<u>Present office</u>: This office presently has 2 Mark II type high speed facer-cancelers with semi-automatic edger-stacker feed systems. The edger-stackers were procured this fiscal year.

Army Terminal Facility: In the Army Terminal Facility there is a prototype sack sorting system developed by FMC Corporation under a research and development contract. It was installed for testing under actual operating conditions to determine its practicability for use in major mechanization facility planning. The main purpose of the system is to demonstrate equipment that will provide controlled delivery of sacks to platform edge for sequential loading of vehicles. The capacity of the system is about 2000 sacks per hour.

The mail handling functions in this facility will be abandoned upon completion of the new Oakland facility, scheduled for occupancy in 1969.

Planned new facility: The new Oakland facility will include the following mail handling mechanization, which is estimated to cost about 5½ million dollars:

- 3 Over-and-under pallet type sack sorting machines for outgoing, incoming, and transit bulk mail, with associated platform receiving chutes, transport conveyors, surge systems, and direct runouts.
- 8 Over-and-under pallet type parcel sorting machines for outgoing and transit parcel post.
- Multi-belt-monorail combination sack sorting machine for foreign mails, with associated platform receiving chutes, transport conveyors, surge system, and direct runouts.
- 2 Mark II type high speed facer-cancelers with semi-automatic edger-stacker feed systems. (To be moved from present office.)

SAN FRANCISCO

Air Mail Facility: The new building, planned for completion in 1968, will house the following mail handling mechanization, which is estimated to cost about \$620,000:

A high-speed belt code, pouch sorter with associated platform receiving chutes, transport conveyors, slides, sawtooth platform, and direct runouts.

Main Office: San Francisco now has five Mark II type high speed facer-cancelers with semi-automatic edger stacker feed systems. Another facer-canceler is scheduled for procurement this fiscal year.

They have two multi-position letter sorters which were procured in 1964 and two more are included in the 1966 procurement, which will be installed in June 1967.

Two optical scanners for letter sorting are also scheduled for installation in San Francisco in 1968.

Postal Concentration Center: This activity which handles military mails was transferred from the Ferry Annex to its present location at 390 Main Street to relieve overcrowded conditions at Ferry Annex. The only mechanization in the Postal Concentration Center are conveyors from the first floor up to the fifth floor and from the fifth floor down to the first floor.

available. As this project was just recently cleared for new contruction, there has been to action toward acquisition of new quarters to date.

Oakland, California - Dimond Station - New construction for the Bimond Station facility was authorized August 23, 1965. The proposed new facility will contain 4,856 square feet net interior, 405 square feet platform, and 10,500 square feet open area. The present quarters of 3,707 square feet are to be abandoned upon expiration of the lease on May 31, 1968. A new space survey was requested and has just been received. The Real Estate Officer will endeavor to obtain site options.

Oakland, California - Eastmont Station - New construction for the Eastmont Station was authorized April 1, 1965. The proposed new facility will contain 6,784 square feet net interior, 1,080 square feet platform and 14,480 square feet open area. The present quarters of 4,315 square feet are to be abandoned upon expiration of the lease on July 11, 1966. The Real Estate Officer has been unable to obtain suitable site options. Expansion of present quarters was considered; however, unsatisfactory from a cost standpoint.

Oakland, California - Grand Lake Station - New construction for the Grand Lake Station was authorized May 2, 1963. The proposed new facility will contain 5,272 square feet net interior, 1,017 square feet platform, and 19,200 square feet open area. The present quarters of 3,669 square feet are to be abandoned upon expiration of the lease on August 10, 1968. Negotiated with the present lessor for expansion, however, an acceptable agreement could not be worked out. This is a very highly developed area and suitable site options have not been obtained to date.

Oakland, California - Laurel Station - New construction for the Laurel Station was authorized January 13, 1964. The proposed new facility will contain 4,840 square feet net interior, 600 square feet platform, and 9,770 square feet open area. The present quarters of 3,270 square feet are to be abandoned upon expiration of the lease on November 30, 1967. A new space survey has been received and the Real Estate Officer will obtain a suitable site containing approximately 15,000 square feet.

Oakland, California - Temescal Station - New construction for the Temescal Station was authorized May 2, 1963. The proposed new facility will contain 5,000 square feet net interior, 405 square feet platform and 5,000 square feet parking and maneuvering area. The present quarters of 3,276 square feet are to be abandoned upon expiration of the lease on February 8, 1967. This area is highly developed and it appears to be practically impossible to obtain a suitable site option at a reasonable cost; however, the Regional Office is still working in this regard.