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SUBJECT: Construction and Outfitting of Schools and Hospitals Under New Public Works Program

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The despatches under reference reported the allocation of 35.2 million pesos, largely to road and street construction projects, under the new public works program to be financed from net proceeds of the recent 145 million issue of "Veterans, Courts and Public Works Bonds." Decrees 750 and 751 of April 14, 1954 allocated, respectively, the sums of 2,650,000 pesos for construction and outfitting of schools and the "Sports City" in Habana and 4,155,000 for construction and outfitting of hospitals and for starting construction of quarters for the Army Engineer Corps. Copies of Decrees 750 and 751 are enclosed as are listings of the specific projects covered by them.

It will be noted that the distribution of the 400,000-peso allocations provided for urban primary schools and rural schools is to be made by subsequent presidential decree. Except for the 800,000 pesos for the "Sports City," the funds allocated under Decree 750 are to be returned to the public works fund for other uses when financing arrangements are made for a general school construction program.

The reason for including the 200,000-peso item for the Army Engineer Corps in the hospital construction listing is not apparent. Perhaps it was more convenient to do so than to issue a separate decree. Plans for the extension of the Malecón 1/1, require that the Engineers vacate their present station and establish new quarters within the near future.

The present two decrees bring to 42 millions the total sum allocated to date under the new public works program. The remainder, more or less eight millions, depending on the final costs of marketing the 145 million bond issue, will probably be allocated within the next few weeks.

For the Ambassador:

Harold M. Randall  
Counselor of Embassy  
for Economic Affairs

1/ A 3,500,000 item previously allocated under this new public works program. See Embassy despatch 1053 of February 26, 1954.

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Enclosures:

1. Six copies of Decrees 750 and 751.
2. Listing of the specific projects covered by those Decrees.

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Listing of Projects Under New Public Works Program  
As Specified in Decrees 750 and 751

A. Decree 750 -- Schools, etc.

1. To complete construction and equipment of the High School at Guantánamo, Oriente Province.	100,000
2. To complete construction and equipment of the High School at Manzanillo, Oriente Province	130,000
3. To complete construction and equipment of the High School at Artemisa, Pinar del Rio Province	150,000
4. To construct and equip a Commercial School, Pinar del Rio	235,000
5. To construct and equip a Commercial School, Santa Clara, Las Villas Province	235,000
6. To construct and equip the Kindergarten Normal School, Santiago de Cuba	200,000
7. To construct urban primary schools throughout the six provinces	400,000
8. To construct rural schools throughout the six provinces	400,000
9. To continue work on "Sports City," Habana	<u>800,000</u>
Total:	2,650,000

B. Decree 751 -- Hospitals, etc.

1. To complete construction of the National Hospital, Habana	1,200,000
2. To complete construction of the Provincial Hospital, Santiago de Cuba	1,200,000
3. To complete construction of the Civil Hospital at Palma Soriano, Oriente Province	80,000
4. To complete construction of the Civil Hospital at Camagley	600,000
5. To complete the construction and equipment of the Provincial Hospital at Santa Clara, Las Villas Province	80,000

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6. To complete the construction and equipment of the Provincial Hospital at Matanzas	100,000
7. To provide equipment for the Hospital of Baracoa, Oriente Province	80,000
8. To provide equipment for the Hospital of Antilla, Oriente Province	15,000
9. To construct a Childrens' Hospital at Santiago de Cuba	400,000
10. To begin construction of the Naval Hospital (Habana)	200,000
11. To begin construction of quarters for the Army Engineer Corps (Habana)	<u>200,000</u>
Total:	4,155,000

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