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21 NATIONS SUGGEST CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DESIGN FOR U.N.

HEADQUARTERS

In response to a communication transmitted to member Nations by the Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, requesting them to transmit names of "outstanding professional men" for possible appointment to the Board of Design Consultants, it was announced today that 21 Nations have forwarded nominations.

The ten-member Board of Consultants, when appointed, will assist Mr. Wallace K. Harrison, Director of Planning, in the developing of preliminary architectural plans for the construction of UN headquarters on the Manhattan East River Site. Final appointments to the Board are expected to be announced within the next few days by the Secretary-General, on the recommendation of Mr. Harrison.

"An effort is being made to bring together a group of eminent architects and engineers who have had a wide variety of experience," Mrs. Harrison pointed out today. He also indicated that not only will the personal qualifications and experience of each nominee be most carefully considered, but that the appointments will be made with a view towards carrying out the United Nations plan of the widest possible geographical distribution.

The 21 Nations who have forwarded names and their nominees are as follows:

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ARGENTINA	Geronimo Remorino
BELGIUM	Gustave Brunfaut Jean Van den Bosch Hendricks Alexis Dumont Charles Malcause Hugo van Kuyck
BRAZIL	Oscar Niemeyer
CANADA	Ernest Cormier
CHILE	Hermogenes del Canto
CHINA	SSu-Cheng Liand
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	Josef Havlicek
DENMARK	Edvard Thomsen
GREECE	Basile Kouremenos
GUATEMALA	Roberto Irigoyen
ICELAND	Gunh Laugur Halldorsson
NORWAY	Ivan Eyvind Moestue
PERU	Alfredo Dammert
PHILIPPINES	Juan Arellano
POLAND	Matthew Nowicki
SWEDEN	Ragnar Hjort
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA	Gordon Leith, S. Mullins, Jan Juta
USSR	N.D. Bassov
UNITED KINGDOM	Howard Robertson
URUGUAY	Gulio Vilamajo
YUGOSLAVIA	Ernest Weismann.

It is anticipated that additional nominations will be received before a final selection is made.

Meanwhile, preliminary studies of the Site are going forward under the supervision of Mr. Harrison. The firm of Lovell and Belcher, Inc. have been employed to survey the Site and submit detailed maps showing elevations, walls, cellars, yards and courts within the Site. The firm of Moran, Proctor, Freeman and Mueser, consulting engineers, are conducting an investigation of sub-soil conditions which will indicate the proper type of foundation structure for the buildings. The firm of Warren George is now engaged in drilling a series of borings to obtain samples of the sub-soil and to determine the water-level depth at various locations within the Site area.

The architectural plans for the construction of the head-