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GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

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November 8, 1940.

District Director,
Immigration and Naturalization Service,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Your 38620; October 25, 1940; Central Office No. 55883/173;
Patrol Headquarters Building.

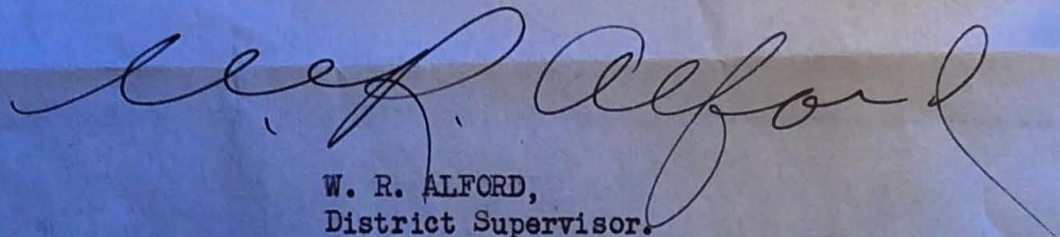
It is recommended that funds for a Border Patrol Headquarters Building at Grand Forks, North Dakota be included in the projects submitted to the National Resources Planning Board. I say Grand Forks for the reason that due to its location, with respect to our entire District and to the many advantages offered by it over any other place, I consider it the only logical location for a patrol headquarters. Grand Forks is about equal distance between the east and west limits of our District - - that is, Lake Superior on the east and Montana on the west and occupies a rather strategic position with respect to all lines of communication, such as railroads, highways, etc.

As to the type and size of building, we have given this matter a good deal of thought and study since receiving your letter and in view of climatic conditions in this part of the country, especially to the extremely cold weather for several months each year, it is believed that the most practical and most desirable arrangement would be a combination office building and garage and repair shop. This would not only provide a more compact unit, but would simplify the heating problem. A building of this type in order to provide adequate space should be approximately 44' x 100', the office part of the building to occupy the front of the building to a depth of 30', the remaining 70' to be utilized as a garage and automobile repair shop. The office part of the building in order to provide necessary space should be two-story with basement, the basement to accommodate a heating plant, fuel, provide other storage space, etc. I would also recommend that the basement be extended back the entire length of the building, so as to provide for an indoor range for firearms instruction and practice.

In order that a better idea may be had of the general arrangement of the offices, etc., in the building, I am attaching hereto sketches of the general floor plan. I believe my comment on the arrangement for the basement about covers that part of the building. It will be noted from the sketch that the first floor would provide offices for the District Supervisor, the Assistant, the clerk and files and a room for radio, also a toilet and washroom. The second floor would

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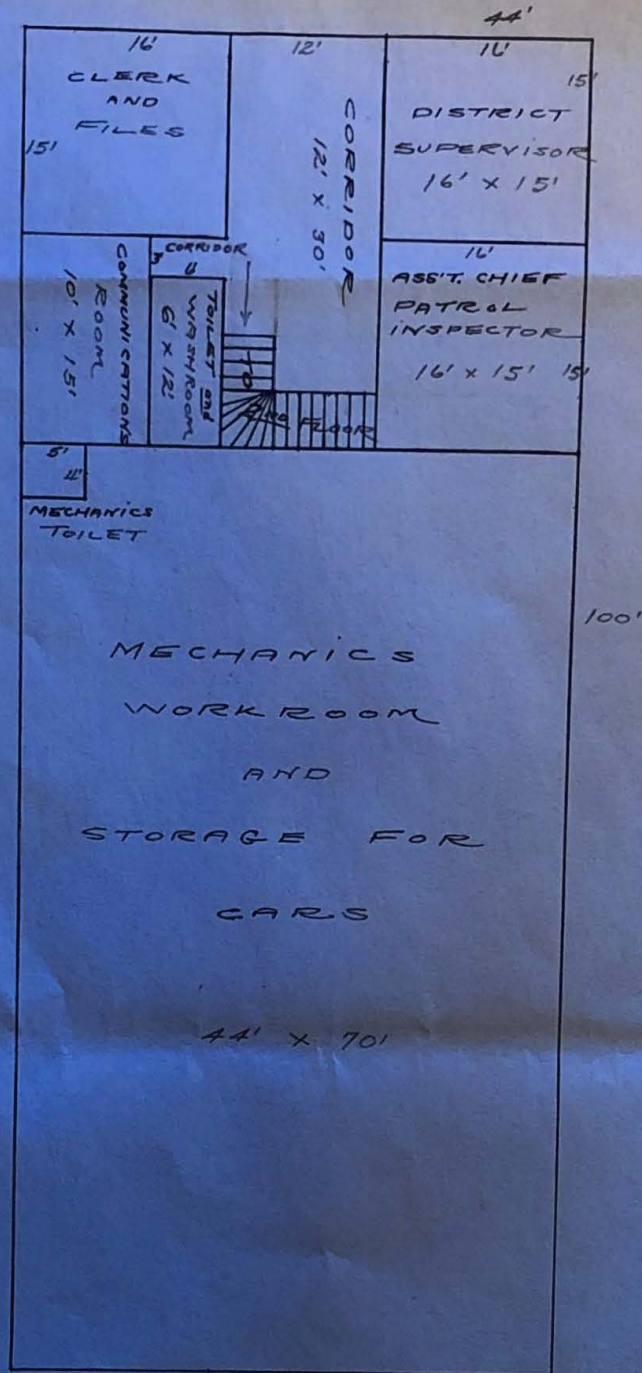
provide an assembly room, an officers' workroom, a small detention room and a small room for toilet and showers. There are, of course, many details that would have to be worked out in the final plans for this building, but these drawings will furnish you a general idea and it is presumed that we will be called upon for further suggestions should a headquarters building be authorized.


W. R. ALFORD,
District Supervisor.

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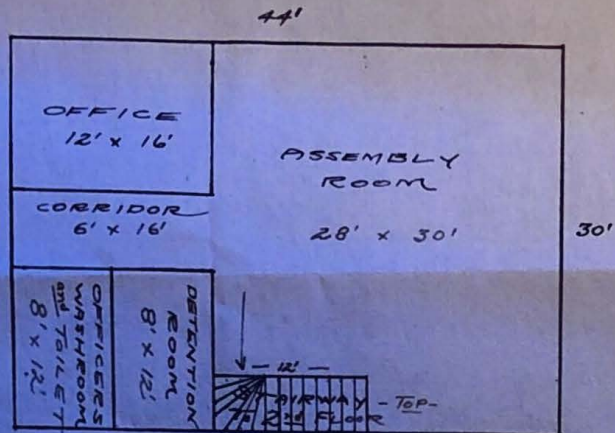


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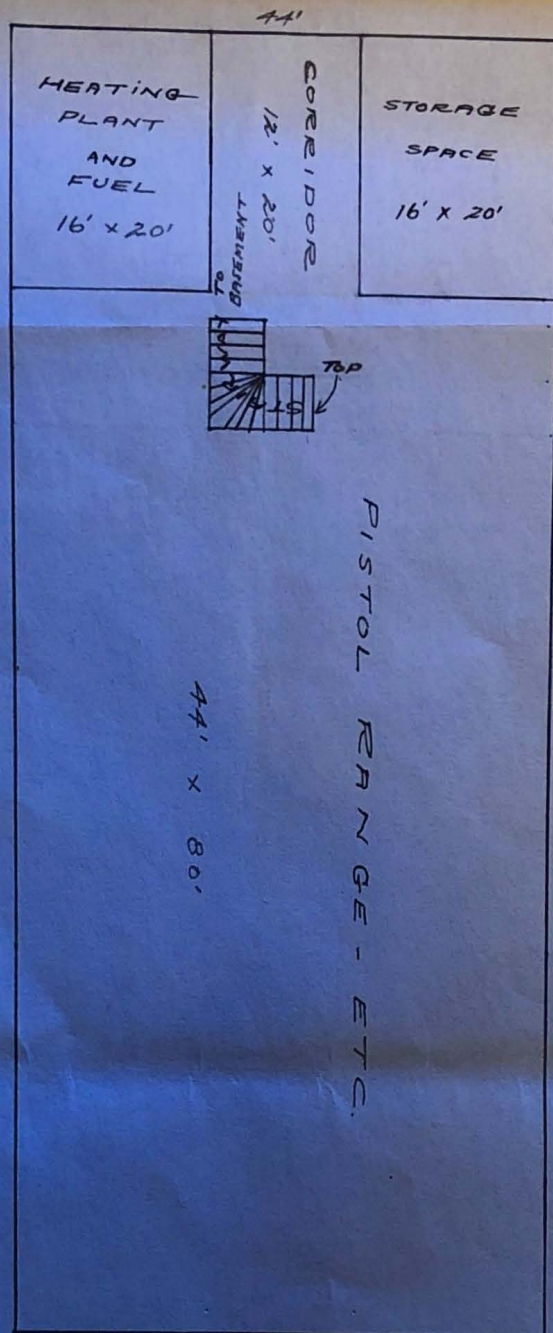
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BASEMENT

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