

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FEDERAL BOARD OF HOSPITALIZATION

Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1948

At its meeting on January 29, 1948, the Federal Board of Hospitalization gave consideration to a request of the Veterans Administration that it be authorized to acquire by purchase a tract of land containing approximately 12 acres in Denver, Colorado, as a site for the 500-bed general medical and surgical hospital authorized under Resolution 279, approved by the President on October 19, 1946.

After an inspection of 13 possible sites in and near Denver, Colorado, the Veterans Administration has determined that the one best suited to its purpose is a tract of approximately 12 acres, fronting on 9th Avenue, adjacent to the Colorado General Hospital and the University of Colorado School of Medicine. The property is roughly rectangular in shape, and is bounded by 9th Avenue on the south, Clermont Street on the east, Hale Boulevard on the north, and Bellaire Street and the grounds of the Colorado General Hospital on the west. The major portion of the site, improved by a field house of brick construction, is owned by the University of Colorado, and will be acquired by direct negotiation with the University. The remainder of the property consists of unimproved land held in four separate ownerships, which will be acquired through proceedings in condemnation. A detailed fee appraisal based upon current values places the total value of the site at \$147,250, of which approximately \$56,000 is the value of the field house.

The recommended site is in the midst of a rapidly developing medical center, including two proposed new hospitals as well as the University of Colorado Medical School and the Colorado General Hospital which are planning considerable expansion. It is also within a two-mile radius of several other important Denver hospitals. To the east, south, and north, this section of the city is being developed as a high-class residential section for private homes and apartments.

By Resolution, the City Council has agreed that the two streets contained within the boundaries of the recommended site will be vacated if this site is approved. City utilities are immediately available at the site and public transportation to the central business section of the city, three miles distant, is within two blocks.

Consideration was given to two government-owned sites in the Denver area - Fort Logan, a 578-acre tract of land $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the center of the city, developed by the Army and presently used by the Veterans Administration as a temporary 300-bed general medical and surgical hospital; and a 140-acre tract of undeveloped land now in

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the custody of the Public Buildings Administration, $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the center of the city and adjacent to the Denver Ordnance Plant.

The Veterans Administration reports that either of these properties would be adequate from a physical standpoint as a site for the authorized hospital. However, since the furtherance of the medical program developed for this particular hospital will be dependent upon a location in close proximity to a teaching medical center, both of these properties are considered too remote to be favorably recommended.

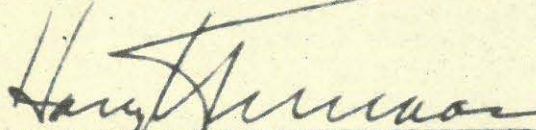
After careful consideration and full discussion, the Federal Board of Hospitalization recommends to the President that he authorize the Administrator of Veterans Affairs to acquire by purchase, subject to the approval of the Attorney General as to validity of title, a tract of land consisting of five (5) separate parcels, improved by one building of brick construction and containing a total of approximately 12 acres, bounded by 9th Avenue, Clermont Street, Hale Parkway, Bellaire Street, and Bellaire Street extended, in Denver, Colorado, and to erect on this site in permanent construction the 500-bed general medical and surgical hospital previously authorized.

RECOMMENDED:

Director, Bureau of the Budget

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APPROVED:



The President of the United States

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