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Postal Suites Bear Stamp of Luxi

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gling so desperately to save money that it has cut back services and is planning to increase first-class postage to 10 cents. But the postal poobahs are sparing no expense to build splendiferous new offices for themselves.

building to the antiseptic envi- pantry. A kitchen costing \$50,-General Ted Klassen's private | month. office has already been installed, replete with a \$5,280 furnishings.

pared to the penthouse that is ing will run \$8,388.50. planned on the 11th floor. The entire floor will be used for and it will take a lot of 10-cent stamps to pay for the fancy

hand-carved sive,

seal of the Postal Service, to to rank-and-file employees at The Post Office is strug- greet the visitor as he steps low prices. off the elevator. It will cost the taxpayers \$3,550 just to been criticized for exorbitant get past the door.

gaudy chandelier will hang for instance, for the gaudy chandelier will hang "Presidential Corridor" at the "Presidential Corridor" at the grandly over the monthly San Francisco Hilton last meetings. The cost: \$3,718. If April during a regional postal the poobahs should get hungry conference. A spokesman said while discussing postal affairs, that calling the hotel cost ex-They are moving their head- they won't have to walk down orbitant was "a gross distorquarters from an old Gothic a flight to Klassen's 10th-floor tion." ronment of Washington's new 000 is planned for the board L'Enfant Plaza. Postmaster of governors to use once a

The palatial plans also call for glass and marble topped pantry, \$4,602 hand woven Af-fican drapes that can be \$438.42 each 52 dining chairs pulled by remote control and at \$212.40 each, four setees at nearly \$6,000 worth of other \$749.43, six lounge chairs at rnishings. \$480 apiece, eight occasional But Klassen's quarters will chairs at \$305.90 each and two look positively tacky com- sofas for \$1,147.05. The carpet-

Postal authorities assure us the penthouse area will also board of governors meetings, be used for press conferences and VIP visitors. Photo developing facilities are also planned for the 11th floor. As evi-The plans call for impres- dence of their magnaminity, wooden the postal poobahs made their

doors, emblazoned with the old furniture available for sale

Footnote: Klassen has also spending on official trips. His In the conference room, a entourage paid \$560 per night,