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MEMORANDUM

TO : PM - Thomas R. Pickering
FROM : PM/ISO - Jonathan D. Stoddard
SUBJECT: Meeting with the Under Secretary on Micronesia

You will note in Tab I that the IO/S/PC memorandum refers on page 2 to your request to Dennis Doolin for a joint study of priority DOD land requirements. We have an advance copy of Doolin's response to you which he signed out today (attached).

He points out that the interagency Issues - Options Paper (Tab B), pages 7 through 9 accurately reflect DOD views on the two issues cited in your letter. Dennis notes
✓ re priority land requirements that the Marianas is specified as the area of top priority. Palau is cited
✓ "as an area of considerable importance". Others such as Tinian are either well suited, useful, etc. Dennis concludes that more work has to be done on this whole problem and as a result it would be premature to make any comment
✓ on requirements, in order of priority, at this time.

I think the general tenor of Doolin's letter is a modest plus. I recommend that you give a short report today on the salient points of his letter and encourage the Under Secretary to follow the theme through at the USC meeting next week.

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There is another compelling reason to push DOD on the need for clearly delineated land use priorities. The text at pp 8-9, Tab B indicate that (a) relocation of Kwajalein would run \$400-500 million; (b) deployment of up to 80 B-52's and 80 tankers on Tinian would cost \$200-400 and (c) relocating facilities from the Philippines would run \$800, from the Philippines, Okinawa and Japan \$3-4 billion. These are staggering sums and given expected budgetary stringencies, the validity of the operational requirements from TTPI and expected political problems with Congress and TTPI lend credence to the need for a credible basing posture in the TTPI. In sum, clearly defined basing priorities.

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