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UBJECT: Military Basing in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI)(U)

Chief of Naval Operations
United States Navy

- 1. (S) In reference to your memorandum of 6 August 1971, subject as above, I share your view concerning the desirability of establishing a military presence in the TTPI at an early date. To this end, I believe it would be particularly useful for concerned United States government agencies to agree, prior to the next round of political status negotiations, that the early development of an austere military base on Tinian should be the first order of business for the negotiating teams. An early commitment of this nature, coupled with the offer to release military retention land elsewhere, could allay the fears of the Micronesian negotiators concerning the extent of US military land requirements.
- 2. (S) In our view, it would be desirable to place all of Tinian under military control. We do not believe that this objective would necessarily impair the negotiations since the people in the Marianas who would be directly concerned have repeatedly expressed a desire for a US military presence in the area. As a first step toward full military control, the development for military use only of West Field Tinian, could proceed on existing USAF retention property. The airfield should not be planned for civilian use unless the goal of full military control clearly is denied.
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alleviating possible Senate concern regarding the reversion of Okinawa.

- 5. (S) It appears to us that two separate actions are required in the near future: first, base master planning for the development of Tinian should commence so that a complete package is available prior to Senate ratification of the Okinawa reversion arrange; secondly, action should be taken by DOD leading to the introduction to the Interagency Group for Micronesian Status Negotiations of a proposal to establish an early military presence on Tinian. With regard to the latter, I anticipate introducing this recommendation through the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the near future and will welcome your support.
- 6. (U) Any comments or suggestions which you may have regarding the USAF concept for Tinian and the course of actions outlined above would be appreciated.

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