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18 October 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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

1. (C) Reference is made to:

a. JCSM-301-71, dated 24 June 1971, subject: "Planning Group Report on a Proposed Negotiation Posture for Military Land Requirements in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (C)."

b. A letter from the Chairman, NSC Under Secretaries Committee, NSC-U/DM 62A, dated 28 July 1971, subject: "Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands--Negotiating Scenario and Dr. Williams' Terms of Reference."

c. Your letter to the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, dated 9 September 1971, which forwarded the long-term requirements for military basing options in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI).

2. (S) Because of the rapidly changing aspects of the US posture in the Pacific, the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider that the United States must now move ahead with dispatch and certainty to establish a visible military presence in the TTPI. Such a presence will serve to signal to all concerned the determined intent of the United States to defend what is expected to become, upon status confirmation, the expanded western frontier of the United States. In view of the President's decision regarding the negotiating scenarios to be used during the next round of political status talks, it appears desirable to develop early basing on Tinian Island in the Mariana District, where permanent political association is virtually assured and a military presence welcomed. Early commencement of developments on Tinian, as outlined in references 1a and 1c, is in consonance with the new military requirements stemming from the impending Okinawa reversion.

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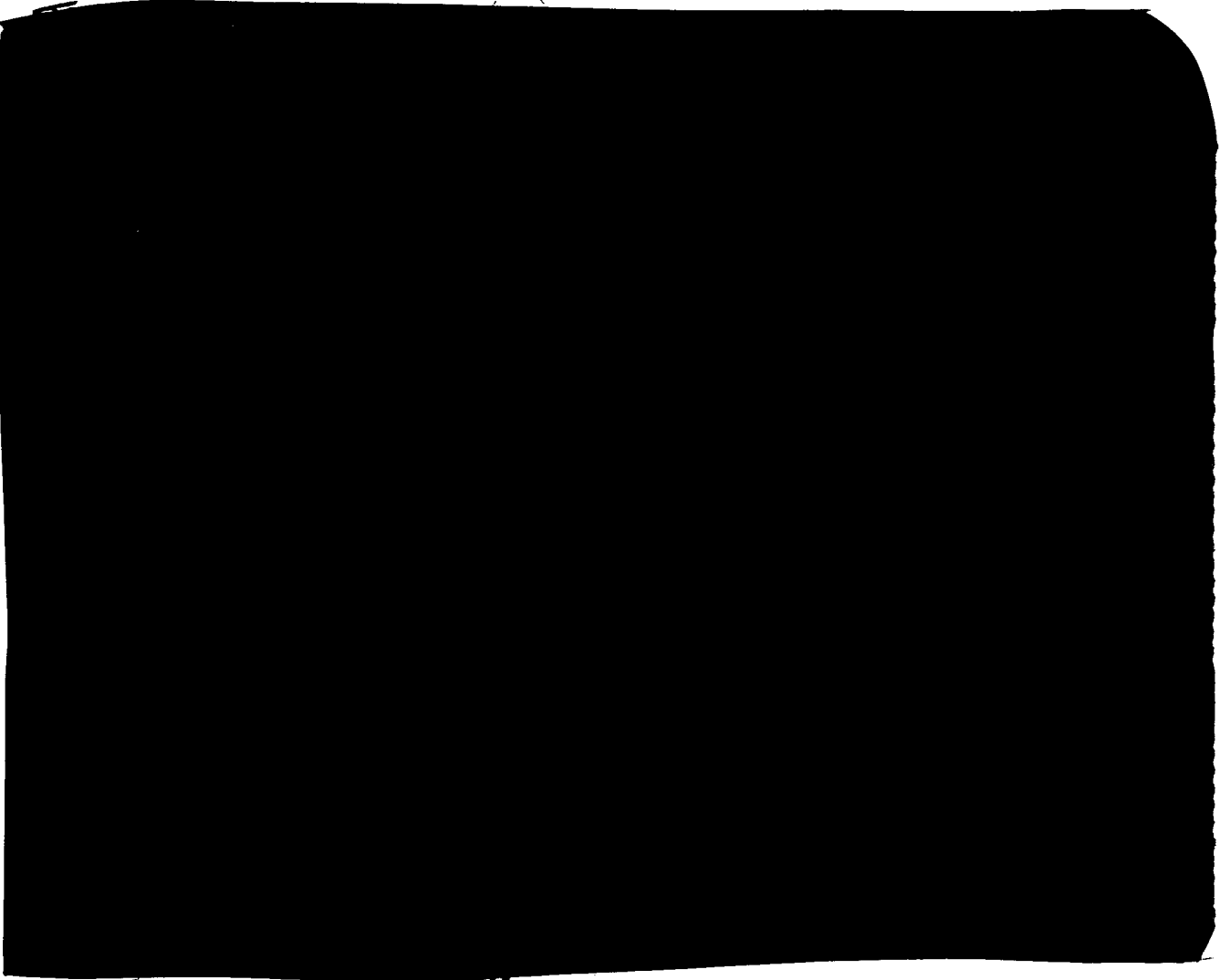
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15. (S) To expedite establishing the United States on Tinian and the rest of the TTPI, it may be helpful to US negotiators, during future status talks with the Micronesians, to have knowledge of an approved DOD program for establishing an immediate permanent military presence on Tinian. An indication by the US negotiating team of such a possibility, in the event agreements can be reached on other US requirements, could strengthen the persuasiveness of the US presentations. Accordingly, when detailed and substantive negotiations on land develop, it would appear helpful if the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations were able to disclose this project.

16. (S) In order to permit optimum benefit from the Tinian proposal, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend the following early actions:

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a. Approve the Tinian plans as outlined in references 1a and 1c for incorporation in appropriate planning documents.

b. Pledge additional funds to the Secretaries of the Military Departments, as necessary, to commence base master planning, including support for any FY 1972 construction should that become feasible.

c. Upon completion and approval of the detailed program, task the Secretaries of the Military Departments to incorporate the Tinian program in their budget programming, as appropriate.

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