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In reply refer to:  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)

SUBJECT: Early Development of "U.S. Military Base Complex in The Marianas"

The proposal for commencement of classified planning in the case of Tinian, which was forwarded to you recently, is being temporarily held up in order to establish the possible political consequences, vis-a-vis the status negotiation efforts of Ambassador Williams, if some of the details become compromised to the public. In order to establish such a position it appears mandatory that the views of Ambassador Williams be solicited.

Ambassador Hummel, the Director of the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations has been contacted informally and agrees with this approach. He has also indicated that both he and Ambassador Williams are very receptive to pushing ahead with the speedy development of a classified plan in view of the net advantages of such a course of action. However, he desires an opportunity to reply formally after detailed coordination.

The concurrence of Ambassador Williams on both his need for an approved plan and his acceptance of attendant risks will permit the response to the Chairman on Tinian development to be forwarded with a clear understanding of the possible risks by all concerned.

Recommend signature.

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