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[REDACTED] Now that requirements have been established by the commander of the unified command the Joint Chiefs of Staff, timely initial programming and funding actions by the military departments are necessary. Concurrent with your approval of the overall Tinian plan, designation of one of the Services to manage the implementation of those plans is important to insure that the operational requirements of all interested agencies are fulfilled. While I recognize that the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the unified commanders have a broad responsibility for base development planning, usually one military department is designated to take the development lead because of the Services being responsible for programming and budgeting. In doing so, the departments are able to consider the needs of all users within the content of worldwide military requirements.

[REDACTED] The Air Force's primary interest in Tinian has been recognized by the other military departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Commander in Chief, Pacific. Since the Air Force currently retains all military use rights on Tinian, has the only Military Civic Action Team there, and has developed a master plan for the first phase of West Field development, it would appear logical that the Air Force be assigned responsibility for the coordination of military department efforts for the development of the Island of Tinian.

[REDACTED] Therefore, when the plans for Tinian submitted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff are approved, I believe it would be fully consistent with our previous conversations on this subject to designate the Air Force as the executive agent for the development of Tinian.

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