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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Tinian

On November 29, 1971, you requested that the Air Force be designated as the Executive Agent for the development of Tinian. This request was based on the October 18, 1971 JCS recommendation of a program for the early military development of the Island of Tinian.

As you know, the JCS is currently conducting the Special Guam Facilities Study, which includes the use of Tinian. This study is expected to be forwarded to this office within the next month. In addition, on December 13, 1971, I approved the JCS Tinian plans for incorporation into appropriate planning documents on a contingency basis, but indicated that no facility programming actions should be contemplated at this stage of the Micronesian Status Negotiations.

Under these circumstances, I believe that it is premature to designate an Executive Agent for development of Tinian until the Special Guam Facilities Study has been evaluated and a decision to program facilities on Tinian is made.

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