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pr. Pedro C. Sanchez president, University of Guam p. O. Box EK Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Dr. Sanchez

The Civil Engineering Staff at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) has been tasked to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Tinian, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). The EIS is required under the National Environmental Policy Act due to a proposed plan to establish a military base on Tinian. The EIS for Tinian must discuss the probable impact of the proposed plan on such areas as the marine environment including water quality, the fauna and flora, and the ecosystem associated with the marine environment.

A staff of PACAF engineers recently made a visit to Guam, Saipan and Tinian in October for the purpose of preliminary investigation for preparation of the EIS. One of the prime concerns of this visit was to contact knowledgeable personnel in various areas of study. The Marine Laboratory, University of Guam was recommended to us as the best source for conducting the marine study of Tinian. We therefore contacted Dr. Robert Jones, Director of the Marine Laboratory and he expressed interest in the project and suggested a contract with the Laboratory on the approval of the University.

It is our understanding that with your approval, we will be able to obtain the services of the Marine Laboratory. We are presently preparing necessary documents to effect a contractual agreement with the Laboratory to accomplish the marine survey. The intent of this letter is to alert you of our plans and projected schedule and should not be considered as a firm commitment.

A draft of the description/specification is provided in attachment 1. Our proposed schedule is as follows:

Contractual Agreement with Marine Laboratory, U of Guam

19 December 1973

Field Survey & Draft Report Completion (45 days)

1 February 1974

AF Review Draft Report (on Guam)

2-3 February 1974

Final Report Submission

16 February 1975

secause of the short time available before the desired contractual date and our requirement to obtain a completed report 60 days after award of contract, we plan

- (1) to have a contracting officer and a technical representative handcarry our request for proposal to the Marine Laboratory during the latter part of the week of December 9, 1973, or the early part of the week of December 16, 1973,
  - (2) to review your draft report on Guam in early February 1974.

Should you or Dr. Jones have any questions, please contact Capt Richard J. Hentzler, Contracting Officer (telephone numbers 449-1477 or 449-2782).

Sincerely

RICHARD J. HENTZLER, Capt, USAF

Contracting Officer

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Draft Description/Specifications

Cy to: Dr. R. Jones, Marine Lab