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In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Data on Tinian Base Development Planning (U)

(U) In preparation for the Fourth Round of Marianas political status negotiations certain planning estimates and positions on controversial questions are required. I recognize that many questions being asked at this time involve key elements of the Crested Isle programming plan and that final, detailed planning and cost data on these points won't be completed for another four to six months. However, your best estimates at this time, appropriately qualified, are requested.

(C) Representatives from the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations have heard individuals from the Pacific Command and its components have questioned current DOD cost estimates for relocating the village of San Jose and constructing an alternate ammunition handling facility on Tinian. Assuming the current population remains on Tinian and that the negotiations will be successfully concluded this fall, it is requested that you provide this office with an estimated comparative analysis of the costs of relocation and constructing an alternate ammunition handling facility on Tinian. The DOD position regarding these alternatives should be reexamined at the same time in view of recent developments affecting this issue.

(U) In addition, proposed DOD views on the following questions are requested:

1. Can Tinianese obtain low cost loans to expand or add to houses being built for them as a result of relocation?
2. Will the size of lots for relocated homes be restricted to the size of lot being vacated?
3. How do we put the relocation decision to the people of Tinian?
4. If relocation costs more than the wetslip alternative, what is DOD decision on relocation, if Tinianese make decision to oppose the move?

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5. What steps or improvements might the US make to the harbor and village in the event there is no relocation?

(U) The foregoing information and views are requested by 24 April 1974 in order to permit their consideration before the US Delegation departs for the next round about 11 May 1974.

(Signed) Dennis J. DeLoach
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