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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS)

Subj: Data on Tinian Base Development Planning

Ref: (a) ASD(ISA) Memo to DUSAF(IA) of 18 Apr 1974, I-3531/74

Paragraph three of reference (a) requested the proposed Department of Defense views on five questions. This office was requested to respond with respect to questions one, two, three, and five of that memorandum. Our views are as follow:

Q. 1. Can Tinianese obtain low cost loans to expand or add to houses being built for them as a result of relocation?

A. At the present there are no available federally assisted or subsidized loan programs. A regular loan program may be available under Title I of the National Housing Act (Public Law 73-479), as amended provided HUD has available participating lending institutions in the Trust Territory. This program provides financing for additions, repairs, and improvements that add to the basic livability and usefulness of properties. Property improvement loans made by a private lending institution participating in this program are insured in bulk by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). Loans for additions, repairs, and improvement to residential properties may be up to \$5,000. The loan term may not exceed seven years and 32 days. No down-payment is required, and in most cases the borrower's signature serves as security and there need be no co-signer. On loans of over \$5,000, the lender must obtain FHA approval. As to eligibility, the applicant must be a person who has owned and occupied the property for 90 days and he must have enough income to make the regular payments on the loan. The local HUD office handling this program is located at 1000 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Q. 2. Will the size of lots for relocated homes be restricted to the size of lot being vacated?

A. No exact requirements are stated in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Acquisition Policy Act of 1970 (P. L. 91-646). In the subject case, the standard will be to provide a comparable size lot which would be a lot of approximately the same size.

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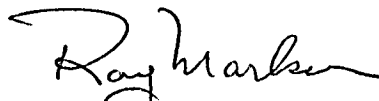
Q. 3. How do we put the relocation decision to the people of Tinian?

A. The recommended relocation sites as well as alternatives could be presented to the people at public hearings or by referendum. Relocation cannot be forced upon the people. To effect a relocation each individual landowner whose lands are being acquired must voluntarily accept the property that is offered.

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

A. Any contemplated improvements to the harbor would require authorization and funding for projects that are certified as urgent military requirements under a regular Military Construction Item. With regards to the village, there is no existing authorization or military requirement which would justify expenditure for improvements. Regardless of relocation of the village present plans call for harbor and entrance channel deepening and widening, repairs to quay wall and breakwater, and provisions for transit storage facilities at the harbor area.

Very respectfully,



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