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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Proposed US Memorial Park, Saipan, Mariana Islands

The attached letter accepts the invitation of Rogers Morton, Secretary of the Interior, to meet and discuss key aspects of the memorial park proposed by Ambassador Williams on US military retention lands, Saipan, MI. The time and location have been previously arranged with the appropriate offices.

Key objectives of this meeting are:

- Agree on scope of park; e.g.,
 - relatively simple facilities;
 - dedicated to US and Marianans;
 - expansion into harbor (marina) or more elaborate facilities not DOD responsibility.
- DOD will seek support of commemorative organizations, e.g., 2d Marine Division, 20th Air Force or 27th Infantry Division associations.
- DOD will assist in initial clearing and construction of park.
 - Interior also assist plus develop Environmental Assessment.
- DOD executive agent, Department of Navy, will handle details of DOD participation.
- Interior/Mariana's Government maintain park (not DOD).
- Interagency group develop agreed plan in June.
- Provide DOD views by 9 May on Interior's conceptual design.

Talking points on the foregoing objectives will be provided shortly.

Attachment
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