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APPENDIX  
THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

JCSM-142-74  
29 April 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Military Land Requirements on Tinian Island (U)

1. (S) Reference is made to a memorandum by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) (ASD(ISA)), I-21952/74, dated 24 April 1974, subject: "Military Requirements on Tinian Island (U)," which advised the Joint Chiefs of Staff that recommendations stemming from onsite surveys and a recently completed feasibility study conducted by the DOD Executive Agent, coupled with current political considerations, dictate a change in the US position regarding construction of an ammunition handling facility on Tinian and relocation of the village of San Jose. In addition, the ASD(ISA) requested substantive approval by the Joint Chiefs of Staff of an attached proposed letter to the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations which advises him of the new position.
2. (S) The Joint Chiefs of Staff support the recommendation of the DOD Executive Agent and concur that a change in the US position, as indicated above, is required.
3. (C) In addition, the Joint Chiefs of Staff approve the new position contained in the proposed letter to the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations and recommend that it be forwarded upon inclusion of proposed changes to page 2 contained in the Annex hereto.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

Signed  
ADRIAN ST JOHN  
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Vice Director  
Joint Staff

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importance to the civilian populace, such as; beaches, small boat moorings and sites of traditional significance. Additionally, the village as a whole would not be relocated, joint development of the harbor would be possible, and perhaps most important, the land area available for civilian use would be much larger.

(S) Some of the principal factors which make this change mandatory are:

- Recognition of the fact that safety considerations sooner or later will require a separate ammunition facility.
- ~~Opposition-by-the-Marianans-to-relocation-is-growing rapidly.~~
- Planning has progressed sufficiently to determine that far more efficient land use and base arrangement can be accomplished in this manner.
- The accomplishment of on-site surveys, full, detailed planning and a better appreciation of inflation in the Trust Territory indicate that costs of the previous position may be substantially higher than originally estimated.
- The determination that Tinian has a total acreage of 24,937 vice 26,210 acres as indicated in past records.
- The significant reduction in required acreage by the safety arc being entirely within the base area.
- The concern reflected by some members of the U.S. Congress over any relocation scheme that did not have the full and enthusiastic support of the people.

We understand that resistance to relocation may be growing among the Marianans. Hopefully this change in position will work to moderate that opposition. On the other hand, it is also recognized that this shift in our stated requirements at this time may engender some resentment among those who are in favor of relocation. On balance, however,

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we believe that the circumstances justify changing our negotiating position.

(S) We regret to notify you of this major change after you are well into the negotiations; however, as current factual data were accumulated concerning....

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