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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Land Requirements on Tinian (U)

(U) As a result of on-site surveys, updated research and coordination, and advanced planning for the joint-use base on Tinian, Mariana Islands, it is apparent that we must reverse our position concerning relocation of the port village versus construction of an alternate facility for handling ammunition ships. This decision is driven by the concern that we not repeat the error of planning ammunition handling facilities in the same harbor as that used for general cargo and civilian purposes, in addition to those reasons cited in the draft letter to the US negotiator, Ambassador F. Haydn Williams at TAB A. This change is recommended by HQ, USAF and is endorsed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (see TABs B and C).

(C) Early approval is requested in order to permit adjustments in the US negotiator's approach and tactics before the Fourth Round of Marianas talks scheduled to commence in Saipan on 15 May 1974. If approved, an advance copy will be transmitted, electrically, to Ambassador Williams in San Francisco, California, and, during the week of 6 May, a briefing team will present him with the detailed justification for the base development concept, including this change.

Attachments  
a/s

COORDINATION: A.I. Marshall  
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OJCS See TAB C

HQ USAF See TAB B

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