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FROM: CDR W. R. Westlake, USN
TO: Mr. Frank Chong, DISTADREP
Mayor Antonio Borja
Speaker Harry Cruz

I am asking Joe Cruz to deliver this to you because I have been informed that he is going to Tinian today or tomorrow.

Basically what I want to do is to inform you that sometime during the week of 3-10 June the U. S. Navy will be conducting a survey of the two military retention area beaches on Northwest Tinian. A ship will position itself off the NW Coast of Tinian and will send in 1-2 small boats with frogmen and other personnel (less than a dozen) to inspect the beaches. This is part of our continuing program to survey and appraise much of the northern area of Tinian (especially the beaches) to determine how the area may be used for exercises and training maneuvers. Much of the water off-shore will also be inspected to determine such things as bottom type, depth and possible presence of unexploded war remnants.

No liberty parties or large groups of people will be landing or coming into the village. The work done by these military people over the 2-3 day period will be simply to determine whether these beaches - and which ones in particular - can be used for future amphibious landing exercises.

The Marianas Political Status Commission and the District Administrator have been informed of this as has the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. Hopefully, DISTAD Ada has informed you both by now - or will in the next few days. This letter is to confirm that information.

If you have any problems in this regard, please feel free to contact me or Miss M. V. Trent in Saipan.

Sincerely,

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