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SUBJECT: OSD/JCS REVIEW OF TINIAN BASE REQUIREMENTS (U)  
REF: A. JCS 1804 (S) 131312Z SEP 74 SAME SUBJ  
B. USAF PROGRAMMING PLAN 1-73, (S), SUBJ: CRESTED

ISLE (U), 15 SEP 73

1. (S) REF A REQUESTED THOROUGH REVIEW OF NEAR TERM OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TINIAN AND FORWARDING OF REQUIREMENTS/SUPPORTING RATIONALE TO J-6, REF B, IN ANNEX A, IDENTIFIES A SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT FOR AN AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING... SIOP ALERT BY SIX SAC B-52 AIRCRAFT ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS, WITH THE CAPABILITY TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT SHOULD STRATEGIC WARNING PERMIT THE GENERATION AND DISPERSAL OF THE NON-ALERT STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT FORCE."

2. (S) RECENT CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS WITH REGARD TO SAC SIOP ALERT FORCE POSITURING HAVE REDUCED THE FORMERLY PROJECTED WESTPAC SIOP FORCE BEDDOWN. AS NOW PROGRAMMED, BOMBER ALERT REQUIREMENTS IN WESTPAC WILL BE REDUCED TO A LEVEL WHERE ANDERSEN AFB IS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE DAY-TO-DAY ALERT ROLE WITHOUT A REQUIREMENT FOR SATELLITING (OR "REFLEXING") A PORTION OF EITHER THE ANDERSEN OR CONUS ALERT FORCE TO TINIAN. WHILE THERE MAY BE GENERAL/JOINT USE NEAR TERM VALUE OF UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENT (E.G. RESUMPTION OF SEASIA HOSTILITIES, REDUCED WESTPAC BASING POSTURE ETC.), SAC CAN NO LONGER VALIDATE A NEAR TERM PREPLANNED SIOP OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR TINIAN TO THE EXTENT OUTLINED IN THE PARAGRAPH CITED IN REF B.  
3. (S) ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE MODIFIES SAC'S NEAR TERM

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REQUIREMENTS, IT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS NEGATING AN ALTERNATIVE NEED. THE VARIOUS BASE DENIAL ALTERNATIVES STUDY WHICH LED TO THE INITIAL IDENTIFICATION OF A NEED FOR THE TINIAN FACILITY ARE STILL VALID CONSIDERATIONS. KADENA HAS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, BEEN LOST AS A BOMBER OPERATING BASE AND AS A WEATHER EVACUATION BASE FOR WESTPAC BOMBERS. THE UNRESTRICTED STATUS OF CLARK AND BASES IN TAIWAN, CONSIDERING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED DURING SEASIA OPERATIONS, IS QUESTIONABLE AT BEST. U-TAPAO, PROGRAMMED FOR PHASEDOWN AND EVENTUAL REMOVAL OF ALL B-52'S (4/FY 76) ALSO FALLS INTO THE UNCERTAIN CATEGORY.

4. (S) THUS, WE STILL SEE A NEED FOR THE TINIAN FACILITY TO BE CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING B-52 AND KC-135 OPERATIONS AND ENHANCE FLEXIBILITY AND REDUNDANCY IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC AREA. JSCP TASKING REQUIRES SAC EMPLOYMENT OF B-52'S AND KC-135'S IN CONTINGENCY SUPPORT OF UNIFIED COMMANDERS AND THE NEED FOR RUNWAYS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THESE OPERATIONS REMAINS. THE ASSURED CAPABILITY OF SAC'S STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE FORCES IS ENHANCED BY THE ALTERNATIVE BASING PROVIDED BY TINIAN. SAC'S CONTINGENCY SUPPORT OF CINCPAC PRESENTLY EXTENDS TO CONVENTIONAL BOMBARDMENT, AIR REFUELING AND RECONNAISSANCE, AND IS BEING EXPANDED TO SEA SURVEILLANCE AND MINE-LAYING. TINIAN PRESENTS A VALUABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR BASING LARGE SAC FORCES ON A POLITICALLY STABLE LOCATION UNDER CONDITIONS, WHERE ANDERSEN'S CAPACITY MIGHT BE EXCEEDED OR WHERE, FOR ANY REASON, ANDERSEN FACILITIES WOULD PROVE TO BE UNAVAILABLE FOR ANY SUCH FUTURE SAC CONTINGENCY MISSIONS. EXCEPT FOR ANDERSEN, TINIAN'S FORWARD LOCATION RELATIVE TO POTENTIAL CONTINGENCY AREAS IS FAR SUPERIOR, OPERATIONALLY, TO HICKAM, THE ONLY OTHER MAJOR THEATER OPERATION LOCATION AND AT HICKAM, THE RELATIVE LOCATION RUNWAY CONDITIONS, COMMERCIAL CONGESTION AND NOISE OPERATING RESTRICTIONS ARE FAR LESS THAN OPTIMUM FOR ANY SUSTAINED CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS. ALSO TINIAN MAY PROVE OPERATIONALLY BENEFICIAL FOR BASING FLEXIBILITY IN SUPPORT OF MAC C-5/C-141 AIR REFUELING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

5. (S) IN SUMMARY, CHANGES IN ANTICIPATED TASKING HAVE MODIFIED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS, AND THIS REQUIREMENT CAN NO LONGER BE VALIDATED DUE TO CHANGED CONCEPTS OF BOMBER ALERT FORCE BASING. HOWEVER, THE OTHER FACTORS CITED SHOULD BE VIEWED AS BOTH NEAR TERM OR LONG TERM, DEPENDENT UPON POLITICAL SITUATIONS, THE CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS, AND/OR THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY

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