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**RADM G. S. Morrison, U.S. Navy
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET
Commander
U. S. Naval Forces Marianas
FPO San Francisco 96630**

Dear Admiral Morrison:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity of visiting with you and discussing our plans in general for Guam, Tinian and Saipan. I believe you are aware of the fact that we are presently moving cargo and freight between Guam and Saipan with infrequent calls in Tinian. This is accomplished on a contract that we have with Saipan Shipping Company, Inc.

The purpose of this letter is to request that Dillingham Corporation of Guam be allowed to lease an area in the back harbor which is identified on the attached chart (not to scale). On the land area in the back harbor, we are thinking in terms of 6 to 10 acres where we could have a machine shop, a container repair area and a servicing area for a dry dock that we would later like to place along the face of the pier and again identified (not to scale) on the attached drawing.

It is conceivable that the small dry dock that we have in Guam which is leased from the Navy could later be moved to that particular area. The advantage is the protection offered by such a locale in Tinian Harbor. When I indicate protection, I mean primarily that from typhoons. We feel that this would also give the Navy and Trust Territory backup for any small craft stationed in the area. In addition, we could operate a tug and a barge out of this locale as it does appear that there is sufficient water depth along the face of the pier in the back harbor for the tug and barge. This would need to be sounded and possibly wrecks removed and even some dredging may be necessary. However, we do feel it would be advantageous for both Dillingham Corporation of Guam and for the Navy to have such a commercial facility which would be free of interference from any vessels the Navy may have arriving or departing. In addition, we would be prepared to offer tug services.

We have been discussing this area with the Trust Territory government for some time and I believe that they would be amenable to Dillingham Corporation of Guam leasing the area that we have recommended. While we have no assurance of their concurrence, I am giving a copy of this letter to the District Administrator, Mr. Ada, and his District Planning Officer, Mr. Thomas Sheehan.

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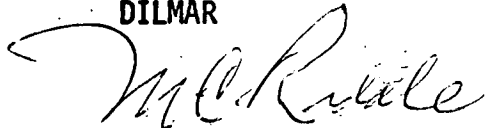
Further distribution is being made to Mr. Peter Coleman, Deputy High Commissioner, and Mr. Joe Beadles, Director of Transportation, Trust Territory.

The purpose of such distribution is to keep all of those who are interested and responsible knowledgeable of our proposal and ask for their assistance and concurrence. Accordingly, we would appreciate your comments at your earliest opportunity and recommendations regarding discussion on how we should proceed and with whom we should further correspond in order to arrange for discussion of the inner harbor in Tinian and possible lease arrangements.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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M. C. Riddle
PRESIDENT

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Attachment

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