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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
(INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS)**

**Subject: Fact Sheets for Congressional Staff**

1. Reference your memorandum, I-10024/74, dated 5 November 1974, subject as above.
2. The Fact Sheets requested in your memorandum are provided in the attached Enclosures. More details will be available when planning for the Tinian base has progressed further. The Fact Sheets will be updated at regular intervals.

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**Attachments**

- Enclosure A - Basing Alternatives in Micronesia
- Enclosure B - Role of Tinian Base in Denying Micronesia to Military Forces of a Third Power
- Enclosure C - Comparison of Installations/Activities on Guam to those foreseen for the Tinian Base
- Enclosure D - DOD Plans if Congress does not approve Military Construction Funds

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ENCLOSURE A

FACT SHEET

Basing Alternatives In Micronesia

The United States has strategic requirements in Micronesia which are essential to protect US national interests in the Pacific. The western part of Micronesia is geographically the most feasible location for US bases in Micronesia in order to provide for the most rapid response to contingencies arising on the Asian mainland.

The Mariana Islands and the Palau District, western Caroline Islands, comprise the western part of Micronesia. Although there are numerous islands in these two groups only Rota, Tinian, and Saipan in the Marianas and Koror, Babelthuap, and Peleliu in the Palau District are considered suitable in size and topography for basing.

Tinian is unique with regard to its small population (approx. 800) in comparison to Saipan (10,000) and Rota (1,500). The relatively flat topography and population density combine to make Tinian preferable for basing.

Babelthuap, which is much larger than Koror and Peleliu, has been identified as an area for which options for future basing rights are being negotiated. These options would only be exercised if basing rights are denied in Western Pacific countries to the extent that a Babelthuap base would be required to preserve US national interests in the Pacific.

Present US military installations/land holdings on Guam, although extensive, are subject to increasing urban encroachment and economic pressures. Accordingly, there is very little flexibility on Guam to accommodate additional military activities.

Enclosure A

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ENCLOSURE B

FACT SHEET

Role of Tinian Base in Denying Micronesia to Military  
Forces of a Third Power

The presence of United States military installations on Tinian and Guam, combined with the political responsibility for foreign and defense affairs of Micronesia, will serve as visible proof of US interest and determination to deny access to the region for military bases/forces of a third power. In addition, the Northern Mariana Islands, as a US Commonwealth will be afforded the same protection as any other portion of the United States.

Enclosure B

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ENCLOSURE C

FACT SHEET

Comparison of Installations/Activities on Guam to those  
Foreseen for the Tinian Base

- Major Military Installation/Activities Presently Located  
on Guam

<u>Installation</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<u>Air Force</u>	
Andersen AFB	- SAC B-52s, munitions storage, logistical throughput
Northwest Field	- Satellite tracking
Harmon Annex	- Communications facility
Andersen South	- Housing, logistics storage
<u>Navy</u>	
NAS Agana	- Aircraft operations
Naval Comm. Station, Pinegayan	- Master communications station
Construction Battalion Camp	- Houses rotational combat-ready battalion
Hospital	- 350 bed facility
Naval Magazine	- Munitions storage
Public Works Center	- Power, water, housing, telephone, logistical support
Ship Repair Facility	- Ship maintenance and repair
Naval Station	- Fleet support
Supply Depot	- Fleet logistics support
<u>Army, Marine Corps</u>	
No major installations/ activities	

Enclosure C

- The military requirements for the multi-Service base on Tinian include an airfield, port facility, training area, and logistics area. Although specific facility planning has not yet been accomplished, facilities subsequently built on Tinian will be unique or complement those on Guam in order to satisfy the additional mission requirements. In this regard, urban encroachment and economic pressures on Guam will make any expansion of present military activities on that island very difficult.

- The fully developed Tinian airfield will be complementary to those on Guam. It will be used to support aviation units deployed for training, as an alternate airfield, and as an operating location for strategic aircraft in the event of general war or contingency operations.

- The port facility will be used for berthing ships, offloading, storage, and transfer of cargo and transfer of POL. As such it will be complementary to the port facilities on Guam and unique in that it will support the construction and operation of the multi-Service Tinian base.

- The training area on Tinian is unique, as none exists on Guam. It should be noted that training areas in the Western Pacific for Marine Amphibious Forces have continually declined in availability and type.

- The logistics storage area envisioned for Tinian will not duplicate the facilities on Guam. It will provide an added storage capacity that is needed to partially satisfy storage capacity short-falls that can not be satisfied elsewhere in the Western Pacific and to support forces that may operate from Tinian.

ENCLOSURE D

FACT SHEET

DOD Plans if Congress Does Not Approve Military  
Construction Funds

If the land is acquired and Congress does not approve military construction funds for Tinian, there are no plans in the Department of Defense to build the Tinian base with DOD resources and O&M funds.

Enclosure D

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