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SUBJ: DEFENSE PLANS FOR TAIWAN (C)

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2. CENCOMREP GUAN/ETPPI DEC 1974 (NOFORN)

3. (C) REF A RECEIVED, PLEASE DISREGARD REF B.

4. (C) APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE REGARDING TAIWAN BASE. REF A INDICATES REVIEW AND REVISION OF BASE PLAN STILL IN PROGRESS, WITH UPGRADING OF EXISTING HARBOR AND AIRFIELD AND POSSIBLY MINOR RELATED IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. (C) BEST JUDGMENT HERE IS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS MAJOR MODIFICATION IN DEFENSE PLANS WILL RESULT IN SHOCK AND DEPRESSED ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS ON THE MARIANAS SIDE, AND COULD RESULT IN RECONSIDERATION BY MESC OF THEIR PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS REGARDING EXTENT WILLING TO MEET U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS.

6. (C) TO BETTER DEAL WITH THE EXPECTED QUESTIONS FROM THE MARIANAS PEOPLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE IF POSSIBLE EARLY PROVISION OF AMPLIFYING DETAILS ON THE UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING HARBOR AND AIRFIELD, AND POSSIBLY MINOR RELATED

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IMPROVEMENTS MENTIONED IN REF A; E.G., IN THE HARBOR AREA DOES THE  
UPGRADE INCLUDE BRIDGING, BREAKWATER AND WHARF REPAIR, LIGHTING, OR  
FIRE FIGHTING FACILITIES; WILL THE AIRFIELD BE PAVED, LIGHTED, OR OTHER  
SUPPORT SYSTEMS ADDED? ANY KNOWN OR ESTIMATED SPECIFICS WHICH CAN BE  
PROVIDED TO THE MARIANAS IN ADVANCE OF THE COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW WILL  
BE MOST USEFUL. I HOPE TO DELAY RAISING THIS MATTER UNTIL WEDNESDAY  
11 DECEMBER MARIANAS TIME. DESIRE ANY AMPLIFIED GUIDANCE WHICH CAN BE  
DEVELOPED TO ARRIVE EARLY 12 DECEMBER GUAM TIME. AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS  
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