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In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Proposed Memorial Park on Saipan, M.I. - ACTION MEMORANDUM

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The memorandum at TAB B from CJCS (Acting) provides Service Chiefs' endorsement of a US memorial park on Saipan to commemorate American servicemen killed and wounded during World War II action on Saipan. The proposed park would also serve to counterbalance Japanese memorials on Saipan.

There are definite problems to work out with regard to continuing maintenance and funding of the proposed monument, problems which may even require special legislation. However, Ambassador Williams (the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations) informally advises that Secretary Morton strongly supports the concept and is prepared to commit funds at least for the maintenance of the memorial park. The attached letter for your signature (TAB A) should obtain an official position, and possibly a commitment, from Interior.

On receipt of a favorable response from Interior, correspondence will be provided for your signature to designate an executive agent to spearhead DOD support of this project.

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Attachments
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