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**MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant Secretary of the Navy (I&L)**

**SUBJECT: Responsibility for Renegotiating Roi-Namur Leases (U)**

(U) Attached is a copy of a letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, which assigns to the Department of Defense the responsibility for renegotiating and funding the use and occupancy agreements for the lands of Roi-Namur. The Department of the Navy, as executive agent for real estate matters in the Pacific area, is requested to proceed as soon as possible with the negotiations for Roi-Namur Island, Kwajalein atoll, Marshall Islands in order to attain in the near future a satisfactory settlement to this long-standing issue.

(U) While compensation for these lands should be fair and equitable, the impact of the costs for use and occupancy of Roi-Namur on other negotiations for DoD lands also should be a major consideration. In this regard, the Department of the Army, as the DoD component responsible for funding the Roi-Namur claims, should be consulted fully in developing the levels of compensation to be negotiated. Further, it is understood that the Trust Territory Government is developing for the counsel of the landowners data on lease costs for acreages on other islands throughout the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. A copy of these data should be obtained through the Department of the Interior.

(C) Negotiating instructions will be provided shortly in view of the change in authority and responsibility of the Department of Defense negotiator and in consideration of the several sets of sensitive negotiations or agreements which could be affected by the Roi-Namur situation. The various actions of the negotiator in moving toward a solution to this issue, as well as communication with Ambassador Williams, should be coordinated with the OASD(ISA) and this office.

(C) If after a sincere and determined effort, a reasonable negotiated settlement appears unlikely, the Department of the Navy should initiate

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and pursue in an appropriate tribunal, a final resolution of the fair value for the use and occupancy of Roi-Namur. In conformance with the attached correspondence, the concurrence of Ambassador Williams should be obtained through OASD(ISA) before initiating this final procedure.

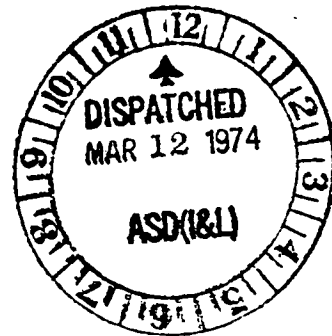
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Attachment

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