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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Multi-Service Base Development on Tinian

(C) Secretary Schlesinger, by separate correspondence, has asked you as executive agent for developing the multi-service base on Tinian, to conduct a study to determine the level of upgrading of the airfield and port necessary to provide a capability for rapid expansion. Additionally, your study should evaluate and list separately the cost of improvements ultimately needed by the military on Tinian, and which would be of collateral benefit to and were expected by the local community.

(C) As you will recall, the people on Tinian were given detailed briefings of the evolving base development plans over an eighteen month period. Consequently, their expectations for fringe benefits stemming from the existence of the base were heightened appreciably. Furthermore, as an incentive to the Tinian population to accede to the Department of Defense's land requirements and accept the presence of a large military base in their midst, the US negotiators placed considerable emphasis on features of the base development which would benefit their community. Now, as a result of our decision to defer development of the base, disappointment and suspicion are developing among elements of the Marianas population.

(C) For these reasons, it is in the interest of the Department of Defense to provide some minor ancillary improvements along with the upgrading of the harbor and airfield which will be of mutual benefit. The following is a listing of candidate military improvement projects on Tinian which would tend to fulfill some of the more modest expectations of the Tinian people and the Marianas leadership:

Airfield

- improved aircraft parking area adjacent to the runway which is being upgraded.
- paved automobile parking area adjacent to the existing terminal building.
- extension of electrical distribution lines to the airfield.

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- installing runway and ramp lighting.
- installing basic unmanned or automatic air navigation aids.
- erecting an unwallled shed adjacent to the existing terminal building which would provide rain protection for a temporary cargo storage or passenger waiting area.

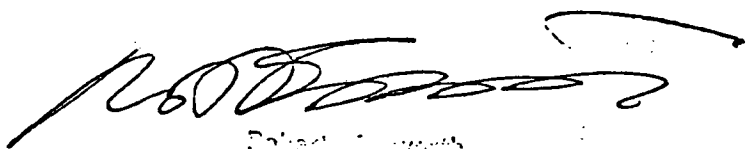
Harbor

- wire drag or otherwise survey the possible approaches to the harbor channel in order to ensure accurate navigation charts and remove any obstacles to the navigation of typical ocean-going ships.
- dredge to channel and harbor to a depth of 40-42 feet to permit ocean-going tankers to berth at the wharf.
- install navigation aids to include lighted buoys and markers possibly including a lighted navigation range.
- extend electrical distribution facilities into the harbor area and onto the wharf and pier.
- install industrial lighting of the wharf and cargo area.
- in a protected area which would not interfere with the movement of ships, construct a small boat dock and mooring facilities which accomodate several ships' boats at a time.
- construct an unwallled cargo storage shed which would provide rain and sun protection to personnel and gear, e.g., during the backload after an amphibious exercise.

Other

- repair and improve main road between harbor and airfield, and road leading north out of immediate harbor area.

(U) Any modifications or alternatives to the foregoing, based on the extensive on-site surveys of Tinian which you have had conducted, also may be included in the overall study.



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