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Tinian

Col. McCarthy called for

Schedules for Tinian - he and 4 others are arriving 7/26 (tentatively) and leaving 7/27 - doing a Environmental Engineering Study of Tinian.

Schedule given by phone and also sent 6/21

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United States Department of the Interior

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

19 June 1973

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The Honorable Robert Hill
Assistant Secretary for Defense
International Security Affairs
Room 4E806
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Marianas political status negotiations have now reached the point where earlier constraints on U.S. military presence in the area can be lifted, and it would be to our advantage to move as promptly as possible into the detailed planning and survey work required for development of the Tinian base complex. Indeed the negotiations can probably be materially assisted by an immediate military presence in the area.

Based on results of the latest round of political status negotiations, as well as recent visits to Tinian of personnel from this office and subsequent pro U.S. political developments, there appears to be strong local support in the area for an early, token military presence on Tinian or frequent visits thereto by U.S. military planners. Such visits would exhibit U.S. interest, thereby enhancing the prestige of pro U.S. opinion makers and building local confidence that the U.S. will abide by its commitments.

Accordingly, your office should now feel free to initiate visits by military planning and study groups to Tinian as soon as feasible (hopefully within the next thirty days). When such visits begin it would be appreciated if each group would provide this office advance notice of the purpose, scope and team composition for each visit and on arrival in Saipan coordinate their activities from a political and public relations viewpoint with the status liaison officer, Miss Mary Vance Trent.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Wilson, Jr.
U.S. Deputy Representative for
Micronesian Status Negotiations

cc:
JCS
Director, Aerospace Programs, Dept. of Air Force

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