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From: Chief of Staff to Deputy High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

To : Deputy High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Subject: Military Inspection of Saipan 15 and 16 August 1947.

Reference: (a) ComMarianas Inspection Order No. 11-47.

Enclosure: (A) Report of Inspection of CivAd Unit, Saipan, 16 August 1947.

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1. In connection with subject military inspection of Saipan by ComMarianas in accordance with reference (a), the report of inspection of CivAd Unit, Saipan is hereby submitted marked enclosure (A).

2. CivAd inspection was made by Capt. R. B. Randolph, USN, Capt. J. R. Reid (MC) USN, Cdr. L. M. Duke, USNR, and LCdr. A. E. Edwards (SC) USNR, all members Staff, DepHiComTerPacIs. Medical report was submitted to ComMarianas.

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Commander Marianas Inspection of Saipan,
Marianas Islands, 16 August 1947

A. General Administration

1. How many natives are under the jurisdiction of the activity?

As of 13 August 1947: Saipan - 4875
Rota - 650
Bonins - 125

2. Does the command, aside from the Military Government personnel, understand fully its responsibility for these natives?

Yes.

3. (a) Have all inhabited islands been visited in the last three months?

Saipan averages several inspections a month. Capt. D. Smith inspected Rota in August; LTJG Gummerson is now inspecting Bonins.

(b) If not, which ones have not been visited, and why?

None.

(c) What contact, if any, is maintained with these islands?

Rota has CA Detachment. Bonins have a Logistics and Medical trip every 4 to 6 weeks.

4. What precautions have been taken to protect natives in case of typhoons, or other emergencies?

A typhoon bill has been promulgated, published and explained to all natives. Protection from typhoons is provided by caves and natives have been notified of methods of evacuation to places of shelter. Civil Administration personnel have a typhoon shelter in the administration area.

5. What officers have made field trips to outlying islands?

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LT Thompson
CDR Hagenbuckle
CAPT D. Smith

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6. When were Military Government Unit accounts audited last?

Monthly reports - no audit - NSC Annex Saipan Accounting Division handles accounts.

B. Commerce, Industry, and Economics

1. (a) Is stock of trade goods on hand for natives satisfactory?

Yes.

(b) If not, what can be done to improve the situation?

No improvements needed.

(c) What articles are needed and asked for by the natives?

Native supply is in all respects sufficient.

2. Is food supply sufficient?

Yes.

3. (a) What is the employment situation?

There are at present more jobs available than applicants. However, curtailed allotments will necessarily cause lay-offs.

(b) Is wage scale satisfactory?

The previous wage scale was not satisfactory, however, the revised rate-of-pay scale will be satisfactory.

(c) What percentage of the native population is on the Military Government payroll?

Roughly 23% of the "employables" are on Civil Administration payrolls. Of the total (gross) population this percentage is much smaller as it is figured that between 70 to 75 percent of the total population are not employable.

4. (a) What new industries and businesses have been established since last inspection?

Saipan has an average of 10 new industries being proposed or organized a week. At present there are nearly 70 which have been organized in the past 2 months.

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(b) If so, what assistance, if any, is needed?

Assistance is necessary. In matters of organization, operation, and administration, constant "nursing" is necessary.

5. Is full and effective utilization being made of the services of the USCC?

Yes.

6. (a) What shipping is available to serve needs of natives?

Some native boats, however, commercial shipping is available and is utilized by the natives.

(b) When is next ship scheduled to commence round of satellite islands?

On 13 August a trip was made to Rota. A ship is now on its way to ChiChi Jima.

7. What are most pressing needs of natives that are not being met?

No needs of the natives can be considered pressing.

C. Legal.

1. (a) Is native governmental organization satisfactory?

The existing native government is not satisfactory because the native administrators are lax and disinterested in the affairs of their constituents. However, an election which ended 15 August promises to revise the administration and strengthen the whole governmental set-up. Alias Sablan was elected as the Administrative Chief of the Island.

Rota has done very little to set up a satisfactory native government. It is believed this condition will show marked signs of improvement under the guidance of Civad, Saipan.

(b) Are natives participating in their government to the full extent of their abilities?

Yes. Democratic participation is very noticeable in all governmental functions, however, with the newly elected officials in office, this participation should be even more effective.

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2. (a) How many natives in jail?

Average 3.

(b) For what offenses?

Simple assault, prostitution, minor offenses. There is no major crime problem on Saipan.

(c) Is a full, typewritten record available of each case involved?

Yes.

D. Education.

1. (a) How many schools are in operation?

1 in Saipan (1 Rota with 100 students).

(b) What grades do these include?

1 through 8.

(c) What is total school population?

After 1 September in response to the new compulsory education laws, it is expected that the enrollment will be about 1400. The new law becomes effective 1 September.

(d) What adult education is provided?

Yes, about 25 adults enrolled in vocational classes.

(e) What progress is being made by all activities of the command toward carrying out Com Marianas directive on training in skills necessary to allow reduction of U.S. Navy personnel on the station? ComMarianas despatch 060019 April is quoted below for information:

On the job training will shortly become a part of the vocational courses of the educational program. Some of Saipan's facilities are under NOB, however, a list of the present native training positions includes:

Mechanics and helpers in the motor pool.	Plumbers
Truck drivers	Painters
Laundry workers	Blacksmith and welder (1)
Road laborers	Typist (1)
Carpenters and cabinet workers	Time-keeper (1)
Telephone Operator	

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E. Supply Department.

Part I

The supply department will be inspected as to ascertain that:

1. The supply department is in all respects organized to perform its mission?

Yes.

2. Effective security measures are observed?

Yes.

3. Proper and adequate records are maintained?

Yes, (plant account has to be completed).

4. A well balanced bill of fare is posted and adhered to, and an adequate ration is properly prepared and served?

Enlisted personnel are subsisted at N.A.S., Isley.

5. The supply officer has custody of equipage and supplies until required for use?

Yes.

6. The supply officer inspects the accounts of the assistant for disbursing at irregular intervals but at least once a quarter?

Disbursing handled by Island Disbursing Officer, NOB.

7. Observe the messing facilities for Officers and Men for adequacy orderliness, cleanliness, necessary to carry the maximum work load of the activity. Is equipment adequate in quantity and quality, and is food of high quality?

Yes - see #4.

8. Are small stores, and ships service store merchandise of sufficient quantity, variety and quality?

Yes - Ships' Store and Clothing and Small Stores are handled by N.A.S., Isley.

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Part II

- (a) Discuss the status of surplus property program to determine if adequate action is being taken to dispose of surplus material, and that existing directives are being complied with.

Civil Administration Unit, Saipan has little or no problem with Surplus Property. All material in excess of CAU's needs is transferred to USCC for resale to natives.

- (b) Check stock records of material to determine if proper replenishment policies are being followed and that usage data is properly reflected.

Yes.

- (c) Inspect storage spaces to insure that material is properly stowed and preserved.

Yes.

- (d) Inquire as to adequacy of training and proficiency of personnel in maintaining records properly, and making appropriate entries and postings.

One SK3 doing very well. Was rated while on duty at CAU, Saipan.

- (e) Are sufficient personnel available to take care of present and prospective work load?

In order to insure prompt forwarding of returns and replies to despatches two additional men (rated storekeepers preferred) could be used to great advantage.

- (f) Is the present routine for procurement and procedures for items sufficient? If not, how can it be improved in your situation?

With the close proximity of NSC, Saipan procurement has not been a major problem, however, a great deal of liaison work is required in order to expedite the flow of materials.