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TO : OP-21 02

DATE: 11 March 1954

FROM : OP-215

SUBJECT: Naval Hospital, Naval Administration Unit, Saipan; move of

Ref: (a) NAVAD Saipan ltr ser 1138 of 31 December 1953
 (b) COMNAV Marianas Conf 1st end ser 020 of 15 Jan 1954
 (c) CINCPACFLT msg 282021Z of Jan 1954
 (d) CINCPACFLT ltr ser 1046 of 26 Feb 1954

1. It will be remembered that after a due amount of planning the move of the facilities at NAVAD Saipan was budgeted for in the amount of \$300,000.00. After the necessary arrangements had been made to obtain funds and personnel to effect this move, NAVAD Saipan, by reference (a) informed COMNAV MARIANAS that he strongly recommended that the medical facilities remain intact for reasons of economy, availability to the major part of the native population and lack of adequate transportation to and from the new hospital area on Navy Hill for families and relatives of the patients.
2. By reference (b) COMNAV MARIANAS re-addressed the letter to CINCPACFLT and concurred in NAVAD Saipan's recommendation that the hospital remain at its present location.
3. Upon receipt of this letter CINCPACFLT informed COMNAV MARIANAS by message (reference (c)) that the plan was disapproved and to continue with the original plan to move the hospital to Navy Hill.
4. In reference (d) CINCPACFLT supplies COMNAV MARIANAS and NAVAD Saipan with additional information and guidance in this matter. Both commands are advised that the transfer of medical facilities from Chalan Kanoa to Navy Hill will not jeopardize or render any less effective the stated mission as "it is not considered the mission of Naval Administration to provide the indigenous population with all services, but rather those beyond the capacity of the local inhabitants." Further, the use of local revenues is recommended in financing a local transportation system in order that suitable transportation may be available from Chalan Kanoa and the new hospital on Navy Hill.
5. The above is furnished as a matter of information.

Very respectfully,

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