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From: Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Navy Land Requirements in the Trust Territory

Ref: (a) CNO SECRET ltr Op215/flf ser 00139P21 of 18 August 1954
- (b) CINCPACFLT SECRET ltr FF12/N1-13 ser 00196 of 26 July 1950 ✓
- (c) CINCPACFLT SECRET ltr FF1-1 NA ser 00503 of 9 July 1951 ✓
(d) BUDOCKS SECRET ltr C-410/EF/acl N1-1 ser 007150 of 25 May 1954 ✓
(e) CNO CONF ltr Op-502G2/jk ser 0535P50 of 9 April 1953 -
(f) CNO ltr Op-502C3/jdm ser 3133P50 of 1 May 1953
(g) CNO ltr ser 3132P50 of 1 May 1953 to C/S USAF (not held by
CINCPACFLT)

1. By reference (a) CNO indicated that BUDOCKS has no information relative to the authority pursuant to which the Navy is presently exercising or is responsible for the administration of Berlin or Carlos Island or on what basis Carlos Island is being used for a radio range. Reference (a) further requested a current list of all Navy land requirements in the Trust Territory and the nature, extent and authority for use of certain lands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

2. The current navy land requirement in the Trust Territory remains the same as initially established by references (b) and (c) (fully described and delineated in enclosures (1) through (17) of reference (d)) except as modified by the addition of Nafutan Rock, Northern Marianas Islands approved for retention by reference (e). 95

3. The nature, extent and authority for the use of other lands in the Kwajalein Atoll are as follows:

a. Berlin Island - No authority existed for use of this area although it was formerly used for recreational purposes subsequent to reconquest and occupation of the Marshall Islands by U.S. Naval Forces in 1944. No current or foreseeable future requirement for Berlin Island exists since use of the area for recreational purpose has been discontinued.

b. Carlos Island - This island comprises approximately fourteen and one-half ($14\frac{1}{2}$) acres in area of which approximately four (4) acres are being used for a radio range. Authority for use of this area was assumed upon transfer of responsibility for Air Navigational Aids and other services at Kwajalein Island from the Air Force to the Navy as directed by references (d) and (e). The new permanent Naval Air Navigational Aids on Kwajalein are completed and in use; however, not all types of military

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aircraft, particularly MATS, have been modified to use these new navigational aids. It is understood that subsequent to 31 December 1954 all military aircraft operating in or through the Pacific area will be configured to use the new navigational aids at Kwajalein; therefore, use of Carlos Island including the radio facilities located thereon will not be required by the Navy beyond that date.

4. Accordingly, CINCPACFLT has:

a. No current or foreseeable future use for Berlin Island.

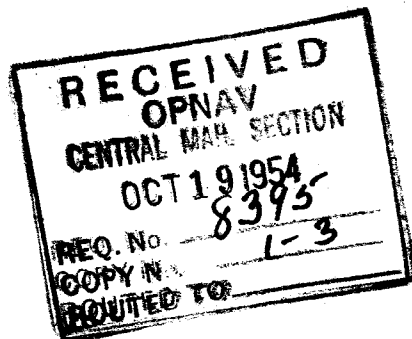
b. No foreseeable future use for Carlos Island subsequent to 1 January 1955.

c. No current use for the Islands of North Loi and Namur and will interpose no objections to use and/or occupancy of these islands by the Department of the Interior on a ninety (90) day revocable permit.

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