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Via : OP-215
OP-215B

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Kobler Field Saipan, Mariana Islands; Navy requirement for pre D-day use of

Encl: (1) Recommended memo to OP-50 via OP-60

1. A conference was held on 7 September to discuss the Navy's need for and use of Kobler Field and to determine which activity would budget for the maintenance of this airfield. The following persons participated in this conference:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity Represented</u>
CDR L. G. Findley	OP-215
Mr. Lee Duke	
CDR T. W. Marshall	OP-50/C
CDR J. H. Larrobino	OP-50/D
Major L. Swenson	OP-215B

2. The parties to this conference were agreed that:

a. The Navy has a firm pre D-day requirement for the use of Kobler Field in that daily logistic flights are and will be required indefinitely to support the Navy activities on Saipan.

b. That the Navy's interest in Kobler Field must be shown in USEROS. In order that this might be accomplished CDR Marshall requested that OP-21 forward a statement to OP-50 via OP-60 setting forth the Navy's pre D-day requirement for the use of Kobler Field.

c. That OP-21 would continue to budget for the "caretaker" maintenance of the airfield. CDR Marshall indicated that in order for OP-50 to budget for Kobler Field the status of the field would have to be changed from deactivated to an inactive outlying field of NAS Agana. OP-50 does not feel that the present use justifies such a change.

3. It is recommended that enclosure (1) be forwarded in order that OP-50 may support a revision of USEROS to show the Navy's interest in Kobler Field.

Very respectfully,

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