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TO : CDR Miller

DATE: 19 Nov 1957

FROM : F Felker

SUBJECT: Use of Rota Island by BUSHIPS for VLF communications coverage of Western Pacific

1. I talked with Mr. L. B. Wheeler, BUSHIPS (Shore Division) about the selection of Rota, or possible selection of Rota, as a site for VLF communications coverage of the Western Pacific, as mentioned in CINCPACFLT endorsement on subject.

2. Mr. Wheeler informed me that the subject survey to select sites, and the possible use of such communication coverage, were still in the investigative stage. He said if and when such sites were selected he did not know when it would be; perhaps as long as five or six years. On the other hand he said politics had entered the picture and the program may be speeded up. However, this was all conjecture.

3. Mr. Wheeler is on extension 66150.

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TO : CDR MILLER

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FROM : F. FELKER

SUBJECT: Use of Rota as a site for VLF communication system

1. I have been in contact this date with Mr. F. M. Malone (Op302C), X-53074, regarding subject. Mr. Malone advised me that OPNAV (OP-30) has with COMNAV-MARIANAS made its own study of possible sites for VLF communications. Out of a list of 6 sites considered, the field has been narrowed down to three; two on Guam (choices 1 and 2) and the third being Rota. As I understand the program is now at a standstill because of lack of funds.
2. Mr. Malone said that at the present plans are for funding for such a program in FY 1961 and operations of the program to begin about 1966; he, however, conditioned this statement with the remark that if Defense funds were to become more plentiful, the program may be speeded up a year or two.
3. As to my specific question if there is a present requirement for Rota, the reply was in the negative. He stated, however, that there may be a possible future requirement, based on the information outlined in paragraph 1.

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