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From: Commander Naval Forces Marianas
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: BPM Camp Area, Saipan; sutilization of

1. Forwarded.

2. The present dispersed and deteriorated physical plant of the Naval Administrative Unit Saipan contributes in a large measure to the inefficient and costly operation of the command. Moving into the BPM Camp area will solve many of the operating problems and certainly reduce maintenance costs, and requirements for transportation and telephones. Even without further engineering study as requested by reference (c), the move is obviously the most economical solution to the problem. This activity now costs the Navy over \$1,000,000 a year in M & O Funds. A great deal of that amount is being used, not on improvements, but urgent, stop-gap repairs. The alternate to moving into the BPM Camp Area is:

- a. Continue excessive maintenance costs and inefficient operation; or
- b. Fund a multi-million dollar replacement program

Neither is recommended.

3. The savings in U. S. taxpayers money should be considered. Existing facilities cannot continue to be used without excessive maintenance costs. Replacement at present sites would only perpetuate the inefficient site layout, and funds are not forthcoming any way. The newer buildings are obviously the most economical solution to the immediate problem. The hospital must be moved now. Family housing must be temporarily shifted to permit construction of new houses beginning in January 1960. Temporarily moving to Tanapag housing would be costly. No lasting benefit would be gained from rehabilitating buildings in that area. Recent inspection after another year of deterioration indicates that even temporary use of any of these buildings is impractical. As stated in the basic correspondence, the commissary has already been moved. Moving the Naval Administrative

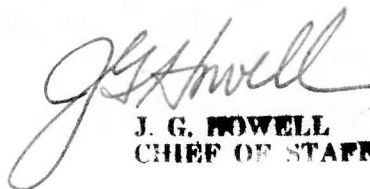
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and Civil Administrative offices to the area will then provide the "compound" layout which will permit efficient operation with the greatly reduced numbers of U. S. Personnel as proposed in reference (b).


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