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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPT. SABIN.

Subject: Reports of Inspector General on Saipan and Tinian - Analysis of.

Reference: (a) General Report of Inspection of Saipan from Inspector General, U.S. Pacific Fleet and POA to CinCPac and CinCPOA, dated 17 November 1944.
(b) General Report of Inspection of Tinian from Inspector General, U.S. Pacific Fleet and POA to CinCPac and CinCPOA, dated 20 November 1944.

Enclosure: (A) Extracts from references (a) and (b) pertaining to Military Government.

1. An analysis of these reports revealed the following information and recommendations which may be of particular interest to this Section:

a. Chain of Command. Military Government should be a General Staff function (G-5), as on Tinian and Guam, rather than a Special Staff Section subordinate to General Staff Sections as on Saipan. (P.8 and 33).

b. Phasing. The M.G.O. in C. (DCCAO) should land immediately after the initial assault wave. Personnel and equipment in sufficient amounts to meet initial emergency requirements should be available on call from M.G.O. in C. After the emergency is over, less personnel is required. (P.35).

c. Coordination. The M.G. officer on the ComFwdArea staff coordinated M.G. between islands. Monthly M.G. reports from Island Commanders are sent to ComFwdArea and copies exchanged between Island Commands. (P.7).

d. Personnel. M.G. officers should be trained in civilian camp construction and management, handling men, mass feeding and clothing, jungle living, and gas warfare. (P.3 and 29).

e. Education. Teachers should be recruited from loyal Hawaiians of Japanese, Korean and Okinawan parentage to foster education in American rather than Japanese concepts. (P.4, 11 and 31).

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f. Police. Japanese police have maintained order among their own people, and uncovered Japanese soldiers masquerading as civilians. Korean and native police have also functioned effectively. Where constant vigilance of Japanese civilians is required, "Army Nisei should augment the regular interpreter and intelligence staff". (P.4, 27 and 30).

g. Military Police. A permanent MP company should be assigned to the M.G.O. in C. (P.29).

h. Nurses. Nurses should be provided for M.G. hospitals and steps taken to prepare adequate quarters for them. (P.4, 30 and 52).

i. Foreign Economic Administration. FEA does not intend to take over trading activities on the islands. It has loaned tools and given seeds and advice to M.G. (P.42).

j. Red Cross. The Red Cross has distributed limited amounts of clothing. (P.10 and 36).

k. Trade Goods. Lack of materials has restricted native handicrafts industry on Tinian. More trade goods, especially shoes and cloth for women's clothes should be sold in M.G. stores. (P.4, 30 and 40). Clothing relief will be cut more than half when stocks on order arrive. (P.64). Automatic monthly shipment of civilian supplies would be desirable. (P.17). Beans not acceptable as item of civilian diet. (P.18).

l. Trading Ban. Ban on direct trading with natives at Guam was not effective; it was, however, on Saipan and Tinian because of camp segregation. (P.61).

m. Property Rights. Private property rights of Japanese are not recognized on either Saipan or Tinian; land rights of Chamorros are being investigated at Saipan and rent will be paid for Chamorro land used for military installations. (P.22).

n. Taxes. No taxes have been imposed. M.G. should buy native handicrafts from guilds and sell them to P.X.s and Ships Stores, using profits for native welfare and development of light industries. (P.20).

o. Claims. No claims have been presented at either island. (P.21).

p. Banks. A bank is needed to handle civilian savings and to establish a sound basic economic system. (P.4 and 30).

q. Safes. A standard type safe should be furnished for each Gropac and communication unit, for safeguarding registered publications. (P.5).

r. Accounting System. A M.G. accounting system has been devised and may soon be installed.

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s. Fishing. One-tenth of the fish in the world is said to be located in the waters of the mandated islands. With experienced natives and a small amount of naval personnel and equipment, 60,000 lbs. of edible fish can be obtained, providing 120,000 people with two 4 oz. rations of fresh fish weekly. (P.73). Small boat repair units should salvage and repair fishing vessels. (P.7 and 15).

t. Labor. 80% of the employable men and women on Saipan and Tinian are employed, and there are growing needs for more workers. Wage rates and policies differ between islands. (P.4, 30, 42 and 44).

u. Supply. Steps should be taken to insure an adequate supply of spare parts for motor vehicles. (P.5). Additional tools and machinery needed for light industries. (P.15).

2. Six copies of reference (a) are available for distribution.

Respectfully,

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