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Dear Lt. Llewellyn;

This will acknowledge your letter requesting information concerning construction of internment camps. You have pitched me a tough one to handle, as we have no set standard plans, or handbook developed that would cover the subject. Things of that nature are in a complete state of flux. A great deal depends on the basic policy laid down by the Chief for a particular operation. In planning our prime concern is to see that we conform to the policy as laid down, then we worry about getting the job done with what we get.

The best way to handle this, I think will be to give you a few notes based on operations and plans. You will have to keep in mind these notes apply to an area that is probably quite different from the one you are making plans for. The following notes refer to the Civilian population only.

Water: 1 qt. distillation, later supplemented by 2 qts. purification per person - enough equipment to produce that amount for about 65% of the estimated population.

Shelter: From Assault up to 120 to 160 days, tent shelter (hospital ward type 16' X 50' approx.) for about 10% of the estimated population. Camp unit is figured at 10,000 - enough tentage, messing and other facilities, except water, is provided for 2500. Shelter for the remaining 7500 will have to be provided from what is available. Each tent is considered able to accommodate 50 people, allowing 16 sq. feet per person. If necessary they may have to accommodate 200. On Saipan only 4 sq. ft. per person was available for 90 to 120 days. In the garrison phase provisions have been made to ship in lumber (mostly 2" X 4") and corrugated sheet metal. This is intended to provide roofing only. The supporting structure and side walls, if any, will have to be provided from local materials, logs, or anything that will hold up the roof structure. Field kitchens will have to be improvised from 55 gallon drums, central feeding only. Food 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ #/day/person, rice etc. distribution somewhat similar to what they are accustomed to, but probably less in quantity. I wouldn't like to have this quoted as any established policy for all areas. We are depending a good deal on the ingenuity of our construction men in the field to do the best they can.

I have some notes that I asked the engineer (Tim De Jong Lt. CEC) on the Saipan operation to write, which I will forward to you. They may be of some help. They will not reflect a true picture of conditions however as they exist now. At time Military Government was something like an unwanted child it was pretty much unrecognized and avoided and everything we asked for was practically cut out to reduce the amount of shipping or for other reasons. We are now included in the Base Development Plan for each operation and are given a priority consistent with military needs. We operate - using 4 basic teams. A - assault team - which handle civil affairs matters in assault stage and areas; B - teams which take up where the A team leaves off and are the foundation of the permanent set-up; C - teams who set up the civilian camps and run them; and D - the district teams who absorb the B team - and take over all jurisdiction including the "C" groups.

I am mailing to you under separate cover the following:

- (a) Field Prints - Garrison Phase Camp Construction - Saipan
- (b) Resume experience field engineer - Saipan
- (c) Speech by Comdr. Secrett - Military Government in the Marianas.
- (d) List of materials and equipment requested by Engineer for Saipan - and his revised estimate after the operation.

I hope the information furnished will be of some value to you.

Very truly yours

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