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From: Commander Marianas.  
 To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
 Subject: TINIAN, Transfer of Island Command and Military Government Functions to Saipan.

References: (a) CinCPac ser O755 of 12 April 1946, "Mission of Post-War overseas bases in the Pacific".  
 (b) CNO Ser 051POOL of 21 March 1946, "Post War Plan No. 2."  
 (c) ComMarianas spdltr ser 0222 of 20 May 1946.

1. Upon the repatriation of the remaining 1207 Okinawan civilians on or about 20 June 1946. TINIAN will be reduced to the following approximate population:

Army	- 645
Navy	- <u>100</u>
Total	- 745

Civilians 3 Chamorro families from Saipan employed by USCC.

2. The status of material on Tinian is approximately as follows:

(a) Navy - Surplus	40,000 m/t
Excess (for shipment to U.S.)	5,000 m/t
To be retained in caretaker status for Post War Mission.	<u>10,000 mt</u>
Total (Approx.)	55,000 m/t

(b) Army - Surplus	7,330 m/t
Excess	94,755 m/t
To be retained	<u>11,216 m/t</u>
Total (Approx.)	113,321 m/t

The above does not include buildings and other fixed installations and approximately 61,000 tons of Army Air Force ammunition including bombs.

3. Based on recommendations in reference (c) for a Navy Post War caretaker detachment and information received from Commanding General, West Pacific Base Command and Commanding General 20th Air Force the estimated Naval and Military Population on Tinian for the immediate Post War Period will be approximately as follows:

Navy	55
Army Garrison Forces	100
Army Air Forces (Approx.)	<u>200</u>
Total	355

4. Because of the fertility of the soil, availability of water and favorable geographical location, Commander Marianas believes that Tinian should be thrown open to agricultural development including cattle raising to contribute to the support of the Army, Navy and native population of the Marianas area. In all probability U.S. or Guamanian capital would be interested in such a venture.

5. In order to facilitate future strategical planning it is requested that a definite policy for TINIAN, from both economic and military standpoints be promulgated as soon as possible.

6. In view of the early reduction of both Army and Navy activities on the island to caretaker status and the limited number of personnel, both Army and Navy now contemplated, it is recommended that for the interim period the Island Command and the Military Government Unit of Tinian be disestablished and that these functions be assumed by the Island Commander Saipan. It is believed that administration of the activities on Tinian would be facilitated thereby, as local Army Commanders state that it is their intention that the Army Garrison on Tinian will be assigned from parent units on Saipan on a rotational basis to be controlled, supported and reenforced if necessary by working parties from Saipan. If the above recommendation is approved.

7. No change in presently existing rights and responsibilities of the Army or the Navy on Tinian as established by CinCPac serial 0364 of 6 February 1946, "Agreement for Separation of Army and Navy Activities in the Marianas Area" is contemplated or recommended as a result of the above.

8. The Commanding General, West Pacific Base Command and the Commanding General, Twentieth Air Force have no objection to the above recommendations.

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