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From: Island Commander, Tinian.  
To : Commander Marianas.  
Subject: USCC Program, Tinian.

1. When all USCC employees departed Tinian, 1 June 1946, Island Commander reported by dispatch to Commander Marianas, as follows:  
"Mr. Brown of USCC detached to duty Saipan. No representative or employee Tinian. Urgently request competent representative remain Tinian. Consider affairs USCC Tinian require constant supervision."

Military Government Division of Commander Marianas replied on 6 June as follows:

"Reur 010310Z. USCC Tinian operation being consolidated with USCC Saipan. Tinian will be serviced and visited frequently by Saipan unit as required. Special intermittent additional services available upon IsCom Tinian request to USCC Saipan."

Island Commander doubted the plan being practicable, but waited to see it tested.

2. Island Commander advised now that the arrangement made by USCC for its affairs on Tinian is unsatisfactory and inadequate. Frequent visits by USCC Supervisors to Tinian add confusion and trouble to the Island Commander's problems. Actual result is a continual flow of USCC Supervisors to Island Commander with requests. On some days two supervisors arrive from Tinian. Mr. BATES, and Mr. BROWN, and Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. POHORILY, or some of their workmen seem to travel daily between Saipan and Tinian. The Guamanian workmen living on Tinian come to Island Commander for medical treatment, principally for their women and children. One child has been returned to Saipan for an ulcer operation. Captain J. A. CALDWELL, U.S.A., of Army Garrison Force, reported that the cattle on Tinian were suffering from excessive flies, and should be sprayed. The Guamanian laborers, in charge of cattle did not have spray, or know where to locate it. Yet USCC undoubtedly has tons of spray on Tinian.

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3. The Island Commander feels that USCC should take care of all their problems as a self-sustaining organization, and that they should have one reliable, capable man on Tinian permanently, with authority, and with first-hand knowledge of all USCC property on the Island. The Island Commander does not wish to ask for USCC visits to the Island, and he feels that USCC should not depend on the Island Commander for supervision of its affairs. It is felt that USCC could retain one of their experienced supervisors on Tinian more efficiently than they could continually send supervisors to the Island. The net result is that no one person of USCC seems to know what is occurring on Tinian, or where all USCC property is located. Also, half the supervisor's time is consumed in travel to and from Saipan to Tinian.

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4. As far as can be understood, the USCC has seven (7) officers on Saipan, in charge of separate departments: Mr. BATES, in charge of cattle; Mr. BROWN, in charge of equipment, Trade Store Merchandise, etc. These officers in turn supervise the corresponding feature of USCC on Tinian, and visit Tinian in connection with their department. It is felt that one competent officer should remain on Tinian, and that he should supervise all USCC business, property, personnel, equipment, cattle, farm machinery, and farm camps on the Island. The Island Commander does not like the condition in which the farm camps have been left. The farm equipment has not been put away.

5. Mr. BATES established living headquarters for Guamanians, imported from Saipan, at 86th Street and Broadway. Now, it seems that one Guamanian has established living quarters at the former fishing village. The Army reports that the 86th Street and Broadway Camp makes inadequate garbage disposal. These incidental details take time and supervision. If a USCC officer is not available for Tinian, it is recommended that a naval officer be assigned as assistant to Island Commander in connection with Island Administration.

6. Finally, the Island Commander advises that the situation is, in his opinion, unprofitable to the government. This is not intended as a criticism of USCC, but as a constructive report on the Commercial Development of Tinian.

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