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MEMORANDUM for ComGenMARBO from Com Marianas and DepHiComTerPacIs.
Information on the establishment of a leper colony on Saipan.

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Memorandum for ComGenMARBO from ComMarianas and DepHiComTerPacIs.

1. The Navy Department has authorized construction on Saipan Island of a colony for segregation and treatment of the lepers of the Trust Territory. Funds available for this construction lapse June 30th. The site selected for the colony is a tract of about 250 acres on the East Coast of Saipan with center at about 15° 12' 30" North latitude. Construction was to begin April 1st, but has been temporarily suspended pending clarification of revised Army requirements.
2. It is an essential part of the plan for treatment of the lepers that they be as nearly self-supporting as possible, and that they follow patterns of occupation normal to them. This necessitates that the colony site have tillable land and access to the sea for fishing. No unoccupied site on Saipan meets these requirements except the one selected.
3. Consideration has been given to establishing the colony on Tinian but this has been rejected because of the continuous increased cost in money and personnel which would be involved in supporting the activity on an island which has no other naval establishment.
4. Information is requested at the earliest date possible whether plans now being drawn for the stationing and training of additional Army personnel in Saipan can be developed to permit retention of the leper colony in the site selected.

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