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TRANSFER OF DEPHICOM HEADQUARTERS TO SAIPAN CONSIDERED DESIRABLE DURING COMING YEAR IF LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET SINCE STATE DEPT IN FAVOR OF MOVE AND INFILTRATION OF DEPT OF INTERIOR PERSONNEL INTO DEPHICOM HEADQUARTERS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN ABOUT 1 YEAR WITH COMPLETE TRANSFER TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ABOUT 1 JULY 1951. PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBER INTERIOR PERSONNEL IN GUAM FOR BOTH GUAM GOVERNMENT AND TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS IS A FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED CONCERNING ULTIMATE DECISION OF MOVE TO SAIPAN.

REQUEST COMMENT, RECOMMENDATION AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION YOUR SERIAL 002 OF 24 MAY 1949 IN VIEW OF PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED REDUCED LEVEL OF OPERATION OF NAVAL ACTIVITIES ON SAIPAN DURING FY 1950 AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ONLY NAS TANAPAG AND CIVAD UNIT SAIPAN TO BE OPERAT

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(B) CIVAD UNIT SAIPAN AND TINIAN ALLOWANCE TO BE 10 OFFICERS AND 30 ENLISTED.

(C) NAS TANAPAG ALLOWANCE TO BE 28 OFFICERS AND 355 ENLISTED TO SUPPORT 1 VP(MS).

(D) NAS TANAPAG SUPPORT PERSONNEL CONSIDERED MERELY ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN STATION, POWER FOR STATION, WATER MAINS TO STATION, ACCESS ROADS TO REMOTE UTILITY SOURCES, OCCASIONAL OPERATION OF PORT INCIDENTAL TO NAS NEEDS, AND COMMUNICATIONS SOLELY FOR STATION AND SQUADRON ADMINISTRATIVE TRAFFIC.

BASED ON FOREGOING:

(1) WHAT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED IF DEPHICOM BE RELOCATED ON SAIPAN.

(2) CAN ALL ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL BILLETS REQUIRED BE FURNISHED FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES GUAM AREA. MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM STAFF GOVERNOR GUAM CONSIDERED BECOMING AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE WHEN INTERIOR ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY PRIOR MAY 1950.

(3) IF NOT FEASIBLE PROVIDE BILLETS FROM GUAM AREA REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHICH PACIFIC OCEAN AREA ALLOWANCE CAN BE REDUCED IN COMPENSATION.

IF BUDGETARY ACTION DICTATES A FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE AERONAUTICAL SHORE ESTABLISHMENT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INACTIVATE NAS TANAPAG. WOULD YOUR PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BE ALTERED THEREBY.

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