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**SECURITY INFORMATION**

**From:** Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks  
For: Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet

**Subject:** Air Force land and facilities requirements in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Saipan and Tinian)

**Ref:** (a) BUDOCKS secret ltr ser 005446 of 27 Dec 1951 to CINCPACFLT with encl  
(b) COMNAVMARIANAS secret ltr ser 0047 of 7 May 1952 to BUDOCKS with encl

**Encl:** (1) Copy of Dept of Air Force secret ltr AFOAL-ROF of 3 Nov 1952 to BUDOCKS with encl

1. Reference (a) forwarded revised land and facilities requirements of the Department of the Air Force on the islands of Saipan and Tinian.
2. Enclosure (1) affirms the requirements of the Air Force on the island of Saipan as set forth in reference (a) and forwards its revised requirements for land and facilities on the island of Tinian.
3. It is requested that all necessary action be taken to obtain the required land data, including surveys, property descriptions and maps upon which acquisition of the revised lands interests on Tinian can be based.
4. Attention is invited to the statement of the Air Force contained in paragraph 3c of enclosure (1) regarding the transfer of all excess property in the Trust Territory. It is assumed that the proposed transfer will apply only to real property and not to any personal property. This view is informally concurred in by the Air Force at departmental level.
5. With regard to the statement in paragraph 4 of enclosure (1), the subject homestead areas are assumed to be those delineated on Marianas Dr. No. Tinian/M1-1/10363 and Marianas Dr. No. Tinian/M1-1/10364, forwarded by reference (b). In connection herewith, the comments and recommendations of CINCPACFLT are requested.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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TO: Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to your secret letter dated 3 July 52, subject as above (Serial 005771), relating to the realty acquisition program on Saipan and Tinian being accomplished by the Navy on behalf of the Air Force.
2. The real estate requirements on Saipan, which were outlined in paragraph 2a of our letter of 12 October 51, subject: "(Secret) Air Force Requirements for Land and Facilities on Saipan and Tinian" remain unchanged.
3. The real estate requirements of the Air Force on Tinian referred to in paragraph 2b of the above letter of 12 October 51, have been reduced.
  - a. It is desired to declare excess to Air Force needs the property cross-hatched in red on the map of Tinian attached hereto as Inclosure 1.
  - b. On the land to be acquired for the Air Force, only runways, taxi-ways, parking aprons and hardstands are to be reserved for exclusive use.
  - c. The Commanding General, Twentieth Air Force will be instructed to transfer to the Navy all excess property no longer required by the Air Force. Agreement is understood to exist at field level on this point.
4. The High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is reported to have allowed several families to homestead land on the Island of Tinian, such land to become theirs after a stipulated time, which is understood to have expired. The Air Force has indicated interest in Tinian, and the authority for the families to settle was unknown to the Air Force or Navy until recently.
5. It is requested that the Department of the Interior be asked to coordinate through your Department any settlement of families on Tinian as well as on Saipan in order to prevent disruption of and discontent among the natives so settled, in the event their relocation should become necessary.


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6. Aside from the requirements of paragraph 3b above, the Air Force has no general objection to the continuance of agriculture and indigenous industry under appropriate leases to be executed subsequent to acquisition of title by the United States.

**FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:**



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Chief, Real Estate Division  
Directorate of Installations, DCS/O

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Map of Tinian  
dtd 14 Feb 48

cc: CG FEAF  
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