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TO : Op-21

Via : ~~Op-28~~ KLC ✓

FROM : Op-282

DATE: 29 December 1952

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SUBJECT: Draft of proposed agreement between the Department of the Navy and Department of the Interior with respect to the transfer of responsibility for the administration of Saipan and Tinian; comments on

Ref: (a) CNO ltr ser 4280P21 of 11 December 1952

1. Reference (a) forwarded the subject draft and requested that comments be made on applicable portions of the agreement. In addition to the informal comments previously made by this office, the following specific questions of budgetary consideration are offered, even though these questions should not be directly considered as essential for clarification of the proposed agreement.

a. Under Logistics, Section A, page 3, what logistic support will be provided by COMNAVMARIANAS? Although it may not be desirable to delineate, at this time, what will actually be provided by COMNAVMARIANAS (with BUSHIPS money) it might be necessary to outline certain areas in order to detail the F. Y. 1954 budget justification. It should also be made clear, prior to beginning of the new fiscal year, whether logistic support is to be provided with or without reimbursement. It should be determined, in general, what the appropriation "SWON" will be required to support. For example, such items as support of dependent schooling costs might feasibly be contained as a cost under "logistic" support, or could be a cost under the M&O for administration.

*Not  
income  
to  
Interior*

b. Section B, page 5 - It is assumed that the detailed inventory referred to under this item of properties, including personal properties will be reviewed and approved by the Navy fiscal officer assigned to Saipan prior to the final approval of transfer to Navy.

*Yes*

c. Section B, paragraph 3, page 5 - Which authority (Navy or Interior) determines what supplies are surplus to the needs of the administration of Saipan District? It appears that this might be an area where the Navy could be short-changed.

*Navy*

d. Section C, paragraph 3, page 7 - This section refers to certain facilities in the area over which the Navy has retained administrative authority. Was there any Navy dollar support involved in these activities prior to the transfer? What support will be required after the transfer, and will this be under the "logistic" support responsibility of COMNAVMARIANAS?

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e. Section F, page 11 - Interior should be required to delineate as already determined local revenues by estimated (or actual) dollar amount, and determine which will specifically accrue to Navy in F. Y. 1954.

*Principle established & Auditor agreed to*

f. Annex A, Part I - It is recommended that CINCPAC submit a revised F. Y. 1954 budget justification, providing for his estimate of the Navy requirements for the Island governments. It is very possible that this estimate may differ from that submitted as the original Interior estimate and included in the transfer agreement. This justification should include data by object classes, detailed "shopping lists" for materials and supplies, and other specific information which could be used to justify the funds requested before Congress.

Very respectfully,

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