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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on COMNAVMARIANAS Rest ltr FF5-9 60:GEF:gc ser 7445 of 25 September 1953

From: Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Rehabilitation of facilities, Naval Administration Unit, Saipan, M. I.; revised plan for

Ref: (c) CINCPACFLT Restr msg 151851Z of October 1953

1. Readdressed and forwarded.
2. By reference (c), CINCPACFLT concurred in the general concept of relocating the majority of facilities for NAVAD Unit, Saipan to the Navy Hill site and to deploy a Construction Battalion detachment about 1 March 1954 to accomplish the rehabilitation program. Reference (c) further indicated that detailed recommendations concerning the scope and cost of the proposed plan would be made after representatives of CINCPACFLT visited Saipan.
3. A detailed inspection of the proposed rehabilitation on Saipan was made by representatives of this Headquarters during the period 21 - 23 October. As a result of this inspection, CINCPACFLT fully concurs in the proposal of the revised plan which recommended the relocation and consolidation of all NAVAD Unit, Saipan facilities to the Navy Hill Area with the exception of the Saipan District Government offices and minimum dispensary facilities for the indigenous population. The scope of rehabilitation planned in the Navy Hill Area as summarized below will provide only minimum essential facilities necessary to accommodate functions of the NAVAD Unit initially delineated in the Moeller Report.

a. Roads, grounds and drainage:

- (1) Clear the dense growth of native grass, vines and brush from the four areas marked in red on enclosure (2), and clear the shoulders and drainage ditches along the paved roads connecting these areas.
- (2) Repair erosion damage along the roadway shoulders, drainage ditches and culverts.

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b. Public Works and supply area:

(1) Repair six - 40' X 100' quonsets for the Public Works shops and move equipment and materials from existing facilities.

(2) Repair and/or relocate from adjacent areas six - 20' X 56' quonsets for Public Works and supply offices, minor shops, shop stores, miscellaneous storage and move equipment and materials from existing facilities.

(3) Check, clean and repair utilities lines to the structures in this area.

c. Dependents' housing area:

(1) Repair 16 existing HOMOJA type duplex quarters, with lanais, in the dependents' housing area to provide quarters for 32 families.

(2) Repair 2 similar type units in the hospital area to provide quarters for 4 families.

(3) Move into the dependents' housing area and repair other existing single and/or duplex units to provide a total of 50 family quarters in the Navy Hill Area.

(4) Provide collateral equipment and furnishings (\$2,000 per set).

(5) Repair one - 20' X 112' quonset for the dependents' school.

(6) Repair one - 20' X 112' quonset for a BOQ.

(7) Check, clean and repair utilities lines to the structures in this area.

d. Barracks area:

(1) Repair 3 large double decked quonset barracks and provide central head and shower facilities.

(2) Repair 1 EM messhall and galley consisting of three - 40' X 100' modified quonsets. The center section to be used for the galley and mess; the end sections for the commissary store, Navy Exchange and indoor recreational facilities.

(3) Repair one - 20' X 56' quonset for military administration, personnel, mail, etc.

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(4) Check, clean and repair utilities lines to the structures in this area.

e. Hospital area:

(1) Clear area of all covered walks that have deteriorated and collapsed.

(2) Repair approximately 14 - 20' X 96' quonset structures for general and miscellaneous special wards for approximately 200 beds, operations rooms, medical storehouses, X-ray, dental, etc.

(3) Repair one - 20' X 96' quonset for hospital administration.

(4) Repair and make alterations to approximately five - 20' X 96' quonsets for use as messhalls, galley, refrigeration, storage, laundry and central heating.

(5) Replace covered walks as funds permit.

(6) Check, clean and repair utilities lines to the structures in this area.

f. Miscellaneous: Repairs to utilities, waterfront structures, legal and public safety buildings and other items not in the Navy Hill Area are substantially the same in scope and cost as delineated in the Moeller Report.

g. Cost: The estimated cost of the revised plan as detailed in enclosures (3) and (4) to rehabilitate the Navy Hill facilities to usable and liveable condition is considered adequate and reasonable in view of the material condition and the overall amount of fixed equipment that had been cannibalized from the structures. With the exception of the dependents' quarters, item a.(2). under Section 1 of enclosure (3), the cost to rehabilitate the facilities in the Navy Hill Area is substantially the same as the initial estimate made in the Moeller Report to rehabilitate similar facilities in their existing locations. The estimated cost to relocate the dependents' quarters is however, considered justifiable on the basis of the condition of the structures proposed to be renovated or moved into the area; the amount of collateral equipment for each family unit to replace existing equipment that has deteriorated beyond repair or that became damaged by high water of typhoon NINA; and the savings that will result from elimination of further expenditures for storm repairs and improvements to the beach and existing housing areas.

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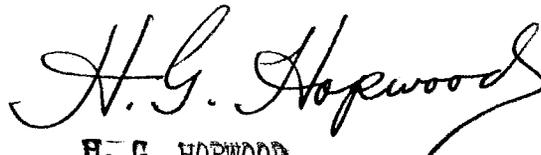
4. Accordingly, CINCPACFLT recommends:

a. That CNO approve the change of location and consolidation of all NAVAD Saipan facilities to the Navy Hill Area with the exception of the Saipan District Government offices and minimum dispensary facilities for the indigenous population. Message approval is requested in order that available station forces may proceed immediately under present allotments.

b. That the rehabilitation program on Saipan be accomplished by the employment of a Naval Construction Battalion detachment, supplemented by such indigenous labor as practicable.

c. That existing project orders issued for the first increment of rehabilitation of NAVAD Unit, Saipan facilities be extended to 30 June 1954.

d. That early release of second increment funds in the amount of \$300,000 be expedited in order that essential supplies and materials may be requisitioned to insure their delivery to Saipan prior to the deployment of a Construction Battalion detachment about 1 March 1954.



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