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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on NAVAD SAIPAN ltr A1/wch ser 1138 of 31 Dec 1953

From: Commander Naval Forces Marianas
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: Naval Hospital, Naval Administration Unit, Saipan

Ref: (d) CNO msg 071442Z Dec 1953 to CINGPACFLT
(e) COMNAVMARIANAS msg 110711Z Dec 1953 to CNORef
(c)

1. Readdressed and forwarded.
2. After careful consideration of the basic correspondence, this Command concurs in the recommendation that the hospital remain in its present location. The primary consideration influencing this decision has as its basis the fact that the principal mission of NAVAD SAIPAN is to further the health and domestic economy of the indigenous population. It has always been contemplated that the administration of the native populace be conducted from the existing Administration Building and it is reasonable to assume that the administration of health problems should be in this same vicinity along with the constabulary and the native accounts and disbursing office.
3. This decision is further influenced by the fact that many of the hospital attendants; corpsmen, nurses, pharmacists, janitors, etc., are recruited from the indigenous personnel. This condition not only furnishes training and employment to the Saipanese, but equally important, reduces drastically the military personnel who would otherwise be detailed to these billets.
4. Due to the fact that the existing hospital and attendant facilities are in close proximity to the center of civilian population, no transportation problem is presented. If the hospital is moved to Navy Hill it is anticipated that many complications due to lack of adequate transportation will result in:
 - a. Patients needing treatment will not be able to visit the hospital.
 - b. The employment of indigenous personnel will be difficult and necessitate the detailing of additional military personnel to this administration unit.
5. A detailed inspection of the proposed hospital site on Navy Hill has been completed recently. While material requirements for the new hospital have not been tabulated, it appears that the project will be difficult and expensive, possibly over-running the previous estimate. Of the original

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project order, No. 36702 for \$31,880, approximately \$27,000 had been expended or obligated before cancellation by reference (d). The bulk of this \$27,000 was used to purchase essential hospital equipment. As indicated in the Moeller Report, an additional \$36,992 was required to complete the originally contemplated hospital rehabilitation. Based on actual present conditions, it is estimated that the cost to totally rehabilitate the existing hospital would be \$40,000 as compared to \$68,000 necessary to rehabilitate the hospital buildings on Navy Hill. The \$20,000 allotted by reference (d) (Allotment 36104) would be applied to the repair of the presently used hospital buildings if authority is so granted. This would result in an additional \$20,000 requirement to complete the rehabilitation.

6. This Command does not concur in the erection of five quarters in the present hospital area. If CINCPACFLT approves the request to allow the hospital to remain in its present location, it is recommended that two quarters only be constructed in the hospital area to house the two doctors and their families. Quarters for additional doctors and nurses should be in the housing area on Navy Hill. Single nurses and doctors will be quartered in the BOQ's to be rehabilitated on Navy Hill. The land on which these proposed quarters will be built in the present hospital area is public domain as far as can be ascertained from available records, maps and private title determinations. Detailed surveys will be conducted to verify public domain land boundaries.

7. It is recommended that the basic request, as amended herein, be approved. Reference (e), in answer to reference (d), tabulated the unobligated balances of project orders 36700, 36702 and 36703.

/s/ ERNEST W. LITCH

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