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OP-215

Project Orders for rehabilitation of Saipan facilities; request for revision of

Ref: (a) COMNAVMIANAS msg 190401Z Feb 1954 to CNO

Encl: (1) Proposed msg to COMNAVMIANAS

1. By reference (a) COMNAVMIANAS has requested that existing project orders for the rehabilitation of Saipan facilities be amended to remove expenditure limitations now imposed on certain subheads within the project orders. In addition COMNAVMIANAS has requested that special allotments 36101 through 36104 (which he incorrectly terms project orders) be consolidated into one special allotment. These special allotments were issued to procure necessary materials to accomplish the move of the Naval Administration Unit facilities to Navy Hill.

2. The attached message, submitted for your release, in reply to reference (a), disapproves COMNAVMIANAS request and asks for more specific recommendations on revision of the subject project orders and special allotments.

3. Disapproval of the request is necessary since OP-282 had been criticized by a Navy Comptroller Audit team for failure to issue project orders in sufficient detail as required by the Navy Comptroller Manual. Granting COMNAVMIANAS' request to consolidate existing project orders and special allotments into one project order would violate the principles set forth by the audit team and the Navy Comptroller Manual.

4. Upon receipt of the requested information from COMNAVMIANAS it may then be possible to revise existing project orders and special allotments to meet the new requirements.

Very respectfully,

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