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From: Naval Administrator, U. S. Naval Administration Unit, Navy #935
To: Chief of Naval Operations
Via: Commander Naval Forces Marianas

Subj: BPM Camp Area, Saipan; utilization of

Ref: (a) CNO spdltr Op09B25/flf ser 811P09B2 of 18 Mar 1959
(b) NAVAD Saipan ltr ser 003 of 29 Sep 1958
(c) NAVAD Saipan ltr ser 300 of 6 Mar 1959

Encl: (1) Miscellaneous correspondence concerning BPM Camp Area, Saipan

1. In response to reference (a) the following comments are submitted for information and consideration. This activity is by and large occupying old, worn out, temporary buildings left by military activities closed down after World War II. These buildings have been salvaged, reconditioned, and/or remodeled for current use. Many of the buildings are in their original location, some have been relocated. But the fact of the matter is that the Administrative Offices are in three different locations separated by as much as five (5) miles. As a result the Administration of this command is not as efficient or effective as it could be were it concentrated in one area. There is a requirement for more vehicles than would be necessary if administration were concentrated. We maintain more telephones and more telephone cable than if we were concentrated. Files could be concentrated and personnel reduced.

2. Last July a representative from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations visited this command and stated in effect that there was concern as to the overall cost to the Navy to support this command and issued verbal instructions to submit recommendations as to ways and means of reducing this cost - both direct and indirect costs. As a result reference (b) was submitted.

3. A shore station development plan has been submitted which does provide for a concentration of permanent structures. This is fine for the long range plan but as a practical matter there are three very important factors that must be realized:

a. Only a portion of the construction requested in the shore station development plan will ever be approved.

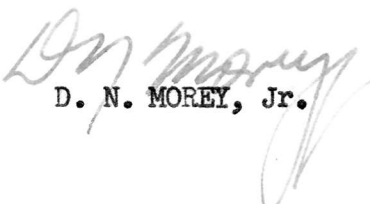
b. It will be years before the construction that is approved is completed, and

c. Many of the existing buildings simply will not last until new construction replaces them without extensive maintenance amounting to virtual replacement.

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4. While the BPM Camp contains nothing but temporary quonset type buildings, several of them are in better condition than some of those we now occupy. There are a total of 21 buildings that have concrete decks. Therefore, the question can logically be asked, "Can we, or can we not, improve the efficiency and effectiveness, reduce the operating costs, and reduce the scope of the shore station development plan for this command thereby saving the Navy's and the taxpayers money by utilizing the facilities in existance in the BPM Camp Area?" Reference (c) is merely asking for an engineering study to answer that question. If the answer indicates the desirability of using the area it is contemplated that the Naval Administrator will recommend exchanging the BPM Camp Area for a like amount of "retained" area to preclude any charges of alienating additional lands from indigenous use - or better if the pertinent recommendations contained in reference (b) are approved even this will not be necessary, both the property and the buildings can be Trust Territory property.

5. By copies of letters attached as enclosure (1) you are informed that the Navy does at present hold a valid indefinite period, use agreement for the BPM Camp Area. The Commissary Store was moved into this Area in August 1958 because the old facility had deteriorated to the point it was a serious health and safety hazard. The old galley in the BPM Camp was the only building in existance on the island suitable for the Commissary, thus it was used as a matter of expediency. Further, there will be need for use of this area in some capacity during the period of building replacement housing and other projects requiring the services of CB Personnel. Therefore, a use agreement was requested to make its use legal and a matter of official record. At such time as final action is determined on references (b) and (c) the BPM Camp Area should be either turned back to the Government of the Trust Territory or exchanged for other property retained by the U.S. Navy for which no further use is foreseen.


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