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S E C R E T

From: Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific.
To : Island Commander TINIAN.

Subj: Naval Air Base Facilities - Organization.

1. Based on your decision to abandon further development of the existing WEST FIELD, TINIAN, in favor of the second strip at the NORTH FIELD, the facilities of ACORN 39, and CASU 44 which were slated for WEST FIELD, become available. The decision to move the two Navy VBM squadrons to the NORTH FIELD on 28 August will require augmentation of aircraft maintenance facilities.
2. Therefore, all of CASU 44, together with their H-Component equipment, aircraft spares and material, necessary housing, transportation, etc., should be immediately detached from ACORN 39 and attached to ACORN 35.
3. ACORN 39 is available to proceed to the site of the new NAVY FIELD when selected, to set up facilities.
4. On completion of new NAVY FIELD, all of CASU 44, together with their H-Component equipment, aircraft spares and material, necessary housing, transportation, etc., should be transferred to ACORN 39. It is intended to commission new NAVY FIELD, TINIAN as a Naval Air Base, as soon as it is ready for operation.
5. Any boats or floating equipment furnished to ACORN 35 and 39, and not required for their operation, are available to the Island Commander.
6. It is recommended that the Supply Officer of CASU 44 be designated as Base Aviation Supply Officer (BASO) for all Naval and Marine aviation activities on the Island.

J. H. HOOVER.

cc: Com Marshalls
CTF 59
CTG 59.3
CASU 44
ACORN 35
ACORN 39

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