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26 September 1944

Pl6/MM/18/JSP:bl

From: Commanding Officer, CASU-44.  
To: Commander Marshall Islands, Sub-Area, Advanced Echelon.  
Via: Commanding Officer, ACORN-35.

Subj: Urgent Personnel, Material and Spare Parts needs - Request for immediate action on.

Ref: (a) ComMarshall Sub-Area Dispatch, Serial 0890 dated 23 Sept. 1944.  
(b) Our Speedletter Pl6-1/MMRLR:bl of 20 Sept. 1944.  
(c) CTF Dispatch 250251 dated 25 Sept. 1944.

1. There is at present no diversion of equipment intended for use of this unit with the exception that it still lacks one (1) jeep and three (3) trucks to satisfy transportation needs.

2. All shortages of spare parts and equipment have been requisitioned through normal channels, namely, ASD Roi as soon as these shortages have arisen.

3. There are, however, certain immediate critical needs which must be satisfied in order to meet operational schedules. All this equipment has been previously ordered through ASD, Roi, with the exception of the items noted:

Four (4) Engine Change Stands (PB4Y type).  
Four (4) Engine Change Stands (PV type)(not previously ordered).  
1000 BG-LS-514 Spark Plugs.  
One (1) PV Tail Wheel Pivot Bracket, Part No. 13113.  
Alclad Stock, 24 St, .032", .040" - ten (10) sheets of each required. (None of this stock is on hand and is badly needed for aircraft skin repairs).  
Two (2) SBAE Flight Gyros, Mk. II, Mod. 1.

Immediate radar needs have been requested through ComFwdArea representative on his special visit to this base on 24 Sept. 1944.

4. Below is listed the probable engine changes by squadron during the next 30 and 60 days as determined by careful survey with the squadrons:

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Anticipated 30 Days</u>	<u>Anticipated next 30 days</u>
VB-150	2	7
VB-151	0	9
VB-102	16	24
VB-116	24	19

VB-150 and 151 estimate based on 50 hrs/month.  
VB-102 and 116 estimate based on 160 hrs/month.

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