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FROM ANTON SINISGALLI TO
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SUBJECT: Establishment of JTF SEVEN Weather Stations

TO: Chief of Naval Operations
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1. In light of Operation REDWING experience, CJTF SEVEN is currently studying weather observation station requirements for Operation HARDTACK. Unless the Chief of Naval Operations objects, Commander, Joint Task Force SEVEN, intends to negotiate directly with the High Commissioner, Territory of the Pacific Islands, as has been the practice in the past, to effect reestablishment of required weather stations located on islands of the Trust Territory.

2. In addition, it has been determined that a requirement will exist to reestablish the weather observation station at TARAWA and to establish a similar station at NAURU. The station at TARAWA will be operated and supported as was done on REDWING.

3. The desired station on NAURU will be designed to provide living and messing facilities for about 20 military personnel and an operational station with utilities. The preferred site is along the southern edge of NAURU Island east of the airfield between a short concrete strip and the beach. This site is approximately 100 feet wide and 800 feet long. The weather station installation will be similar to the KAPINGAMARANGI camp layout (Encl 1). Maximum use will be made of native labor, local materials, and existing services and facilities in construction and operation of the station. AEC contractor will construct the weather station and facilities from funds available to CJTF SEVEN.

4. Upon completion of the next operation both the TARAWA and the NAURU weather station installations (less installed equipment) will revert to the Territorial Colonial Governments for their use under a United States Government reentry proviso.

5. It is requested that appropriate negotiations be initiated with the British Commonwealth Government concerned for reentry clearance into TARAWA and for land lease to permit early establishment and operation of a weather observing station at NAURU.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

s/ Elsia Ledoux
t/ ELZIA LEDOUX
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Acting Chief of Staff

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