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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conin - Volcano Islanda

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William P. Bundy Ambassador Ralschauer Mr. Green Mr. Fearey

Admiral Moore Joined the group later

Mr. Hitze read the proposed State Department postion as set forth in their draft background paper. This would have involved the United States Informing Sato of our alllingness to brief him fully on the Importance of the County This would not be done during the Washington visit but on his return to Tokyo. Following the briefing we would be willing to consult with the Japanese on the subject of having a representative group visit the island for a grave visit and also for other agreed upon official purposes. Mr. Nitze and Admiral McDonald Indicated that this constituted the camel's nose under the tent stressing the significance of the Bonins If we were to lose Japan as a base.

Ambassador Reischauer added that there was little pressure in Japan to repatriate any large portion of the original 7000 residents but that there was pressure to permit visits, at least on a basis comparable to that permitted by the Russians. After some discussion of the condition of the graveyards and the 1953 visit to its Jims it was agreed that a single visit could be permitted, for the purpose of establishing an appropriate monument. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to brief bate fully en the value of the lelands but simply to indicate to his that they would have great value to as strategically. It was

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further agreed that the one shot errangement aight include a preliminary visit of four or five people to establish the monument site with a self-contained group of about 10 coming to the Bonins for the dedication. Ambassador Reischeuer stressed that this should be called a "grave" visit and felt that it would be desirable to persit a group to visit lishs Jims and Chichi Jims.

Bill Bundy agreed to draw up two papers, the first of which would indicate what the Prosident would say to tate on this subject and the second should sat forth in more detail the ground rules for the visit.

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