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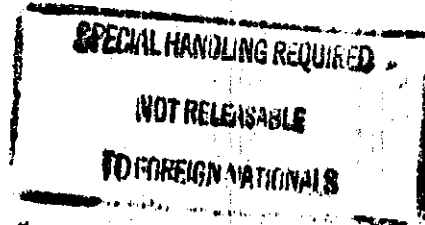
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FOR ADM MOORER INFO ADM SHARP, RADM CHEW AND CO NAVFAC CHICHI FROM BIRD
 ANCESTRAL GRAVES VISIT TO BONIN ISLANDS (S)

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 B. SECSTATE 240230Z FEB 1962 NOTAL

1. REF A REQUESTED MY RECOMMENDATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT
 OF ANCESTRAL GRAVES VISITS IN THE BONINS.

2. FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM REF B IS QUOTED. QUOTE, U.S. ALLOWED
 JAPANESE MISSION TO VISIT BONINS IN 1953 TO CONDUCT RELIGIOUS
 CEREMONIES AT GRAVE SITES AND ERECT MARKERS ON EXPLICIT
 UNDERSTANDING IT WOULD BE ONLY SUCH VISIT TO TAKE PLACE. UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING IS A DIRECT QUOTE OF AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN JAPANESE
 PRESS TRANSLATIONS, VOL. 2, NO. 229 OF 2 DEC 1964 WHICH IS PUBLISHED
 BY HQ U.S. FORCES, JAPAN, OFFICE OF INFORMATION. QUOTE. RETURN TO
 BONIN MOVEMENT, YOMIURI-FULL; THERE IS A MOUNTING MOVE AMONG
 DISPLACED BONIN ISLANDERS NOW LIVING IN JAPAN PROPER TO START A STRONG
 CAMPAIGN FOR THE REALIZATION OF THEIR RETURN TO THE HOME ISLANDS, AS THE
 FIRST STEP FOR THE PURPOSE, THEY PLAN TO UNIFY VARIOUS BONIN
 ISLANDERS' ORGANIZATIONS INTO ONE NAMED BONIN ISLANDERS' SOCIETY, WHICH
 WILL BE INAUGURATED THIS MONTH WITH TOKUYASU FUKADA, LDP DIET MEMBER

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AND FORMER DEFENSE AGENCY DIRECTOR, AS ITS HEAD, THIS SOCIETY WILL FIRST TRY TO REALIZE A VISIT TO GRAVES ON THE ISLANDS EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO HAVE FOREIGN MINISTER SHIINA CONVEY THE BONIN ISLANDERS' DESIRE TO SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK. SHIINA IS NOW IN WASHINGTON AND IS SCHEDULED TO MEET RUSK SOON. UNQUOTE.

4. FROM THE FOREGOING ARTICLE, IT BECOMES OBVIOUS THAT APPROVAL OF THE ANCESTRAL GRAVES VISIT REQUEST WILL ADD IMPETUS TO THE REPATRIATION REQUESTS WHICH HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN DENIED IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. FURTHER, IN JULY 1964, S. W. JAMESON, FAR EAST CORRESPONDENT FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO ENTER BONINS TO DO FEATURE ARTICLES. APPROVAL OF JAPANESE VISITS TO BONINS IS CERTAIN TO RESULT IN RENEWED UNFAVORABLE ARTICLES BY JAMESON. HOWEVER, ASSUMING THAT THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE, HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. ESTIMATE PARTY CAN VISIT ALL KNOWN SITES ON CHICHI, HAHA AND MUKO IN FOUR DAYS.

B. KNOWN GRAVE SITES INCLUDE ONE ON MUKO JIMA, ONE ON HAHA JIMA AND EIGHT ON CHICHI JIMA. ALL IN STATE OF NEGLECT AND OVERGROWN WITH DENSE VEGETATION. OMURA SITES (ON CHICHI) IN WORSE CONDITION WHERE MINOR VANDALISM, BOMBING AND NATURAL CAUSES HAVE EXPOSED SOME BONES. ALL WOODEN MARKERS DECAYED BEYOND RECOGNITION. MANY STONE AND CONCRETE MARKERS EXIST, TWENTY FIVE PERCENT IN FIARRAY. ONE SITE WITHIN 175 YARDS OF SECURITY AREA.

C. ANTICIPATE ADVERSE REACTION FROM INDIGENOUS POPULATION. APPROVAL OF REQUEST MAY WEAKEN BELIEF IN U.S. POLICY AND MAY PROMPT REQUEST BY COUNCIL TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

D. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL SHOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL INITIAL BRIEFING OF VISIT IS PRESENTED TO INDIGENOUS POPULATION.

E. VISIT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF ONMONTH TO PREPARE DETAILED PLANS AND CLEAN UP SITES.

F. DETAILED LOCATION OF GRAVE SITES TO BE VISITED SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY VISITORS TO COMNAVMAIANAS 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF VISIT.

G. SERVICES ASHORE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO DRINKING WATER, TOILET FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT.

H. AUTHORIZATION FOR VISIT SHOULD INCLUDE POSITIVE PROVISION THAT VISIT IS ON A ONE-TIME ONLY BASIS AND CANNOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED AS A GENERAL WEAKENING OF POLICY CONCERNING GENERAL REPATRIATION TO THE BONINS.

I. OINC NAVFAC CHICHI JIMA SHOULD HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL AS TO THE NUMBER OF VISITORS PERMITTED ASHORE AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

J. TO PREVENT UNACCEPTABLE DISRUPTION OF FACILITY ROUTINE, MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION, AND TO PERMIT PROPER BRIEFING, PLAN TO PROVIDE ALL ESCORT AND SECURITY GRAD PERSONNEL FROM GUAM.

K. WALKING TO SOME SITES CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY BY PERSONS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND WOULD PRECLUDE VERY ELDERLY OR INFIRM.

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