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1. Following is Fact Sheet on military and non-military aspects of Bonins for your use and transmittal to FonOff.

2. U.S. Military Facilities and Personnel:

A. Chichi: (1) Navy - Harbor facilities for limited logistic support and safehaven; storage facilities; fourteen permanent quarters, community center, dispensary, commissary; shore lights and buoys. (2) Personnel - 31 Navy, 3 U.S. civilian, 57 Foreign Nat civilians; total 91.

B. Iwo: (1) Air Force - Emergency recovery airfield, 9,800 ft. long capable of accommodating C-130s and 727s. Field in fair condition and requires constant maintenance due to volcanic conditions. Limited refueling capacity for AVGAS. (2) Coast Guard - Lorar A and C stations.

(3) Personnel - 39 Air Force, 35 Coast Guard, total 74.

C. Marcus: (1) Coast Guard - Airfield 4,000 ft.

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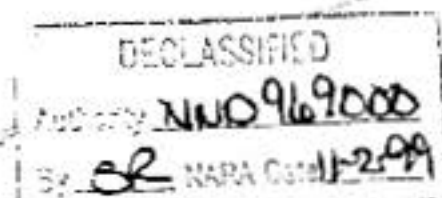
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long capable of accommodating C-130s; Loran C station; aviation radio beacon. (2) Weather Bureau - Weather reporting station. (3) Personnel: 34 Coast Guard, 5 U.S. civilians (weather), total 39.

D. Personnel Totals: Military 139, U.S. civilian 8, For Nat 57, Grand Total 204.

### 3. Chichi Non-Military:

#### A. Population (indigenous) - Total 205 (34 households)

Males 60 years and over - 9;  
 Males 18-60 years old - 54;  
 Males under 18 - 44;  
 Females 60 years and over - 14;  
 Females 18-60 years old - 44;  
 Females under 18 - 40.

B. ~~Admin~~ Administration: CINCPACFLT, Military Governor; COMNAVMARIANAS, Deputy Military Governor; resident Military Governor Representative in Chichi. Under supervision of Military Governor limited self-government is exercised by Bonin Island Council whose members are duly elected by permanent residents.

C. Law: Bonin Islands Judicial and Criminal Code is promulgated by Military Governor. In addition there are local ordinances enacted by Bonin Island Council and approved by Military Government representative in Chichi. Presently no convicted criminals and no outstanding civil cases.

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D. Economy: Major income derived from Navy which employs 57 with \$75 thousand annual payroll. Fishing most important local industry, with exports to Guam through Bonin Island Trading Co. totalling \$7.8 thousand for January-June 1967. Export of fish has declined due in part to uncertainty of transportation now ~~pro~~ provided gratis by Navy LST.

E. Currency: U.S. dollar; amount in circulation is not known exactly but is not large. Total dollar assets which would have to be converted to yen would probably be \$100-200 thousand. (FYI: CINCPAC is in process of obtaining closest possible estimate of dollar holdings. End FYI.)

F. Housing: Three local housing areas, two clustered near U.S. base areas, one of about 8-10 homes near bay. Homes were constructed with building materials provided at no cost by Navy. Exact status of land titles unclear. (FYI: CINCPAC is developing more detailed information on land title problem. End FYI.)

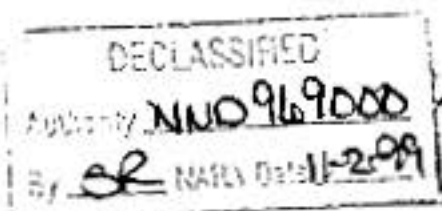
G. Education: 67 in Primary-Junior High (English language) school in Chichi which also serves nine military dependents. Cost minimal. Nineteen in Guam High School at no cost.

H. Medical Care: Provided by Navy at no cost.

I. Facilities: Electric power, water, and sewage

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facilities provided by Navy at minimal cost.

J. Postal Service: Provided by Navy.

K. Special Entities: (1) Bonin Islands Trust

Fund: Managed by CINCPACFLT for benefit of islanders; assets of \$36 thousand of which \$22 thousand cash and \$14 thousand loaned to Bonin Island Trading Co. at no cost. (2) Bonin Island Trading Co.: Chartered by CINCPAC, owned by individual islanders. (Ownership is not universal.) Operates general store and handles fish exports to Guam. Net worth June 30, 1967 \$26.6 thousand.

4. Iwo Jima Memorial: Memorial occupies an area of 40,000 sq. feet. Included is a 5-6 ft. statue with flag flown on 24 hour basis and an aircraft warning light. Access ~~road~~<sup>road</sup> and flag require periodic maintenance.

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