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SUBJECT: (Restricted) Activation of Orlando AFB

TO: Commander
Military Air Transport Service
Andrews AFB
Washington 25, D. C.

1. It is requested that you take immediate action to activate Orlando AFB as a training base for Engineer Aviation Units.
2. It is contemplated that on or about 1 January 1951 the 806th Engineer Aviation Battalion, and the 622d Engineer Aviation Maintenance Company, will be moved on PCS from their present station at Westover AFB to Orlando AFB. As soon thereafter as practical, but not later than 1 May 1951, it is planned that Engineer Aviation Units now stationed at MacDill AFB be moved on PCS to Orlando AFB. Thus on 1 May 1951 strength of Engineer Aviation Units at Orlando AFB will aggregate approximately 2,236 personnel.
3. Action has been initiated to obtain the use of Pinecastle Air Base at Orlando, Florida, and approximately 7,000 acres of adjoining unimproved grazing land for a training area. This training area will be under the jurisdiction of Orlando AFB.
4. On 2 November 1950, the Installations Board approved the utilization of Orlando AFB as a training base for Engineer Aviation Units during FY 51 and FY 52. In FY 53, expansion plans contemplate having a troop carrier squadron at Orlando. The operation of Orlando AFB by MATS for Engineer Aviation Units is an interim measure pending finalization of command control of Engineer Aviation Units and activation of other bases.
5. Funds amounting to \$250,000 are being allotted to your command to initiate rehabilitation at Orlando AFB. Additional personnel spaces will be allocated.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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