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SUBJECT: (Restricted) Activation of Orlando AFB

TO: Dir/Manpower & Organization, DCS/O

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COMMENT NO. 1

FROM: Dir/Instls, DCS/M

Lt Col Alenius/mcm/75866
AFMAI-TO

1. At a meeting of the Installation Board on 2 Nov 1950, the utilization of Orlando AFB as a training base for EA Units during FY 51 and FY 52 was approved. It is desired that necessary action be initiated by your office to activate Orlando AFB for this purpose. A separate request has been made to Real Estate Div., Dir/Instls, DCS/M, to acquire Pinecastle Air Base and 7,000 acres of adjacent land in order to provide adequate training area.

2. Owing to lack of housing and proper training conditions for EA Units with home station at Westover AFB, it is imperative that these units be provided a new base upon their assembly in the Zone of Interior, and moved not later than 1 Jan 1951 to a base suitable for early accomplishment of the directed training and rehabilitation program. In addition, Strategic Air Command has indicated that early movement of EA Units away from MacDill AFB is desired to provide facilities for other elements of SAC. The early utilization of Orlando AFB for EA Units will provide a practical solution to the present needs with a minimum expenditure of funds, and will prevent further deterioration of facilities now in caretaker status.

3. Although centralization of control of Zone of Interior EA Units in Air Materiel Command has been approved by this Headquarters, AMC reclaimed the decision and in the meantime has declined to assume this responsibility. As yet no positive action has been taken to implement this control. Consequently it is not considered advisable at this time to direct AMC to activate Orlando AFB. Therefore it is proposed, as an interim measure, that MATS activate Orlando AFB for immediate utilization by EA Units assigned to that command. A draft of proposed letter to MATS directing this action is attached.

4. The designation of MATS to activate Orlando AFB is considered suitable for:

a. The EA Units at Westover AFB which require adequate housing and training facilities, are assigned to MATS.

b. MATS has been directed by this Headquarters to conduct a training and rehabilitation program for their units.

c. The 95 Group program proposes that in FY 53, a troop carrier squadron will be based at Orlando AFB. By having MATS activate the base at this time, there will be no conflict with future utilization plans.

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