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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Real Estate Division, Procurement & Supply Office
THROUGH : Chief, Policy Planning Staff, Procurement & Supply Office
FROM : Chief, RI SR Division
SUBJECT : Permanent Site for SR Division Domestic Operations Base

1. Reference is made to meeting, 11 December 1952, attended by representatives of your office, DEP Administration, and the SR Division. Subject of this meeting was the need of a permanent site for SR Domestic Operations Base.

2. In addition to your office investigating the possible use of "Isolation", it is requested that other possible sites also be investigated. Suggested sources for alternate sites are:

a. Military installations being retained by the Department of Defense on a stand-by basis.

b. Those sites that were under consideration at the time investigations were being made on the behalf of "Isolation".

3. The following requirements should be used as a guide for selecting possible sites for consideration:

a. ACREAGE:

- (1) 10,000 to 15,000 acres
- (2) Acreage should be enclosed - natural or otherwise
- (3) Near rail facilities
- (4) Near navigable water (for training maritime teams)
- (5) Should include some rough terrain (mountainous if possible)

b. LOCATION:

- (1) 500 to 1000 miles from Washington, D. C. (New England territory would be preferred).

c. FACILITIES:

- (1) One headquarters building capable of housing maximum personnel of eighty (80)
- (2) Ten (10) widely dispersed buildings for use as safehouses
- (3) Housing for maximum of fifty (50) families within fifteen (15) mile radius of base
- (4) Separate housing for maximum of twenty-five (25) single women and twenty-five (25) single men. Two (2) BOI style quarters would be sufficient.
- (5) Barracks for base security personnel. (Approximately same number of security personnel will be needed as presently utilized by "Isolation").

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- (6) Mess Hall complete with kitchen and equipment
- (7) Three (3) warehouses, 100 x 60 feet
- (8) Garage for thirty (30) vehicles with necessary maintenance facilities.
- (9) Hospital building, ten (1) bed capacity.
- (10) Hangar and runway for one (1) DC 3 Aircraft
- (11) Building to be used as parachute maintenance shop
- (12) Drying tower for parachutes

d. COST: Cost factors should be kept at a minimum. An ideal solution would be to share with the Department of Defense the cost of maintaining a stand-by base.

h. Attention is invited to the fact that the above outlined requirements are submitted as a guide, and as such, should be considered as flexible.

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