EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-27

RELATIVE TO DIRECTING THE BRAC GOVGUAM STEERING COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ACTIVITIES CONCERNING FEDERAL LANDS.

WHEREAS, numerous government of Guam agencies have been communicating directly with the Navy on land matters that are important to the interests of these agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate these activities to ensure consistency in the application of government-wide policy and to ensure that these policies are not adversely affected in the legitimate pursuit of specific agency interests; and

WHEREAS, in order to maximize opportunities available to the government of Guam and to expedite a coordinated approach in dealing with the military, a central point of contact within the government of Guam needs to be established; and

WHEREAS, the Koinitea Para Tiyan, as established by Executive Order No. 95-02 to develop a reuse plan for the former Naval Air Station Agana, has completed the development of the NAS Base Reuse Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the BRAC '95 GovGuam Steering Committee, which was created by Executive Order No. 95-17 as amended by Executive Order No. 95-21 to develop a reuse plan for the BRAC properties at Apra Harbor, has completed the development of the Business Reuse Plan for Apra Harbor properties; and

WHEREAS, the GLUP '94 Reuse Planning Committee, which was created by Executive Order No. 96-19 to assist the Guam Economic Development Authority in developing a reuse plan for GLUP '94 Navy properties, has completed the development of the Reuse Plan for GLUP '94 Navy properties; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of committees to carry out activities associated with the turnover of excess federal lands has proven to be an effective mechanism to ensure a coordinated approach that incorporates the input of diverse interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, Guam Economic Development Authority has adopted Resolutions 95-034 and 96-002 which delegate the BRAC '95 GovGuam Steering Committee with the authority to handle all matters regarding the use and disposition of BRAC '95 properties and has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Port Authority of Guam on the funding of BRAC activities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 97-08 established the Ancestral Lands Commission and granted it with oversight responsibility in the implementation of Public Law 103-339; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to coordinate the activities of government of Guam agencies in the area of federal lands;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do order:

1. The creation of a 'Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) GovGuam Steering Committee to coordinate all future planning and development of properties at the former Naval Air Station Agana, the former Naval Ship Repair Facility, GLUP '94 Navy properties and excess federal properties at Apra Harbor, consistent with applicable local laws and regulations.

2. The BRAC GovGuam Steering Committee shall be comprised of 21 members as follows:
   a. The Lieutenant Governor of Guam, who shall be the Chairperson of the BRAC GovGuam Steering Committee;
   b. The Speaker of the Guam Legislature;
   c. The Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development;
   d. The Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Transportation;
   e. The Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs;
   f. One (1) representative of the Legislative Minority, to be chosen by the Minority;
   g. Guam's Delegate to Congress, or his designee;
   h. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Guam Chamber of Commerce;
   i. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Guam Economic Development Authority;
   j. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Port Authority of Guam;
   k. The Chairperson of the Ancestral Lands Commission;
   l. The President of the American Federation of Government Employees;
   m. Eight (8) representatives of the community-at-large who are not employees of either the federal or the local government, to be selected by the Governor; and
   n. One (1) representative who is either a homeless persons provider or a homeless coalition.
   o. The Commander, Naval Forces Marianas who shall act in an advisory capacity.
3. All government of Guam agencies are directed to coordinate requests for the use of federal property for any purpose with the BRAC GovGuam Steering Committee through its Administrator.

4. The Tiyan Reuse Authority shall continue to carry out caretaker responsibilities for the former Naval Air Station, Agana under the same administrative mechanism as currently in existence.

5. Members of the BRAC '95 GovGuam Steering Committee who were appointed pursuant to Executive Orders 95-17 and 95-21 shall continue to serve on the BRAC GovGuam Steering Committee in their capacities as listed in Section 2 of this Executive Order.

6. All recommendations developed by the BRAC GovGuam Steering Committee shall be presented to the Guam Economic Development Authority as the Local Redevelopment Authority for BRAC '95 properties to the Governor for approval.

7. Executive Orders 94-07 and 95-02, relative to the establishment of the Komitea Para Tiyan are hereby rescinded.

8. Executive Orders 95-17 and 95-21, relative to the establishment of the BRAC '95 GovGuam Steering Committee are hereby rescinded.

9. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 96-19, relative to the establishment of a GLUP '94 Reuse Planning Committee is hereby rescinded.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agaña, Guam this 16th day of October, 1997.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam