



USMC Relocation to Guam: Political Pressure and Poor Planning to Blame for an Ill-Postured U.S. Military in the Pacific

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The 2006 U.S.-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation which provides for the consolidation of Ill MEF on Okinawa and the subsequent relocation of approximately 8,000 Marines and Sailors from Okinawa to Guam has created a difficult political situation, a challenging operational scenario, and extreme logistical challenge that ill-postures the United States. Currently, internal politics within Japan has caused infighting that could threaten the entire FRF relocation and place the United States in an awkward position of pulling out of the international agreement. Placing HQ elements separate from the subordinate units is a key concern in respect to C2. The most controversial issue is the available training space for appropriate MAGTF on Guam that satisfies pre-deployment training requirements that is in serious doubt. Complaints from a minor segment of Japanese society must be ignored and the entire Roadmap for Realignment must be scrapped and renewal of negotiations for a realignment agreement that puts common sense approaches to defense posture in the Pacific.



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