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The below matters are referred as follows because there are doubtful points on the contents of responses in the Memorandum for Okinawa Defense Bureau dated on 17 February 2016.

1. OEB has entered to the OEB installation Wells for sampling at Kadena Air Base as heretofore. Thereupon, OEB has not requested for another access in the OEB request letter of 21 January 2016.  
OEB would like to confirm whether or not sampling can be admitted from rivers and drainage ditch at Kadena Air Base in order to identify the runoff source of PFOS.
2. It is said in the US Air Force Response Letter that 18 Wing has desperately replaced remaining AFFF containing PFOS with non-PFOS products. OEB would like to ask 18<sup>th</sup> Wing whether or not US Air Force continues to use the PFOS contained fire-extinguishing foam.  
OEB considers that the fire-extinguishing foam is not the ones which have frequently been used. If US side uses the fire-extinguishing foam, OEB would like to request US side to clarify its use frequency and the quantity.
3. The fire-extinguishing foam only is mentioned for PFOS contained products in the US Air Force Response Letter. OEB would like to confirm whether or not there is the actual states of use for PFOS contained products for another use such as detergent for the aircraft or the parts, etc. Additionally, if US Air Force uses the PFOS contained products for another purpose, OEB would like to confirm how US Air

Force disposes the waste liquid, or whether or not the remaining undisposed of the waste liquid is released into drainage.

4. It is said in the US Air Force Response Letter that if a substance is spilled which is suspected to contain PFOS, Kadena Air Base Fire Department and spill Response Teams contain the release.

However, the elevated concentration PFOS has been detected at DAKUJYAKU river under present circumstances.

OEB would like to request US side to respond more specifically how US side have taken measures in the spill and how US side would take measures against it hereafter?

5. If a substance is spilled which is suspected to contain PFOS, US authorities will provide notifications as required by existing Joint Committee agreements.

However, in case of fire extinguishing foam release in the past, Japanese side had never been notified from US side.

OEB would like to confirm why US side has not notified Japanese side of the release.

6. In order to resolve this issue, OEB would like to ask US side for reviewing to establish the Liaison Conference for the survey and mutual consultation at working staff level between Okinawa Prefectural Government and 18<sup>th</sup> Wing.