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REPORT ON A VISIT TO R.A.A.F. PROJECT, MILLINGIMBI, N.T.
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Area to be sown - 36 inserts each 2 acres = 72 acres
 Shoulders of Taxiways - 6 yds wide on each side = 14 "
 Flight strips - 20 yds. on each side of E/W runway = 14 "
100 acres

Mixture to be sown per acre.		Quantity of Seed & Fertilizer required
Couch	10 lbs.	1000 lbs.
Rhodes	5 lbs.	500 lbs.
Townsville Lucerne	3 lbs.	300 lbs.
Super	1 cwt.	5 tons

Cultivation - Harrow up a shallow seed bed.

Method of Sowing - Broadcast by hand.

Time of Sowing - As soon as soil is moist after first summer rains.
 See also General Instructions attached.

Funds - A requisition not to exceed £500 is required.

Further comment - The soil is of a sandy nature, and breaks up under traffic. It will be necessary to keep all M.T. Traffic off the Flight strips before and after sowing.

Eucalypt Suckers - These are growing strongly on the flight strips and shoulders of Taxiways and even come through the paper underlying the steel mesh. The occupying unit requires 4 Knapsack sprayers and 8 cwt. of Arsenic pentoxide plus goggles and gloves. If possible a working party should be sent over to Millingimbi from a Mobile Works Squadron.

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