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TO: VERNON R. MORRIS
UNIT: IDEA/OSA
EXT:
DATE: 27 FEB 64

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TO IMMEDIATE WHALE INFO BEIGE CACTUS CITE ADIC 01783

RECITAL-X WHALE TALE THREE

ADDENDUM TO ANNEX A

OPORD 1-64

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SUPPORT AIRLIFT.

1. FOL IS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SUPPORT AIRLIFT:

01/2100Z MAR - SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIP DEPT KWCACTUS.

01/2200Z MAR - SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIP ARR NO. ISLAND
HAS SAN DIEGO.

05/0100Z MAR - SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIP DEPT NO. ISLAND.

05/0200Z MAR - SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIP ARR KWCACTUS.

2. REQ AIRLIFT FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT TO BE IN PLACE SUFFICIENT
TIME TO MEET ABOVE SCHEDULE.

A. TOTAL WT - 22,710 LBS AND 1724.7 CUBE.

B. LARGEST ITEMS OF EQUIP - MAINT TRAILER 5000 LBS,
412 CU, 115 X 66 X 94 INCHES; KWMARK 3 CONTAINER 740 LBS,
145 CU, 78 X 45 X 77 INCHES. MANY ITEMS NON-STACKABLE.

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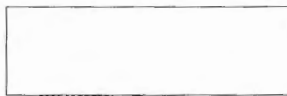
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C. THERE WILL BE 35 PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE (BAGGAGE WT 1300 LBS) FOR PAX ACFT ON 1 MARCH, AND 50 PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE (BAGGAGE AT 2000 LBS) ON 5 MARCH.

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for DONALD E. SONGER
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TO PRIORITY CACTUS INFO CITE ADIC 1807

RECITAL X WHALE TALE THREE

PASS TO MAJ J. W. CHERBONNEAUX

1. THE FOLG HQ PERSONNEL WILL ATTEND THE WHALE TALE THREE EXERCISE ON THE DATES INDICATED:

29 FEB 64

MR. JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR., MR. [redacted]

LT/COL ZANE HALL,

LT/COL P.J. MC CARTHY, MAJ JAMES CHERBONNEAUX, CAPT KENNETH GUTKUNST.

2-2 MAR 64

MR. CUNNINGHAM [redacted]

LT/COL MC CARTHY, MAJ CHERBONNEAUX, CAPT GUTKUNST, MAJ DONALD C. BLACK.

2. IF ADDITIONAL CHANGES OCCUR, THEY WILL BE FWD IMMED.

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YO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO CITE - ADIC 1920

RECITAL X WHALE TALE THREE

REF: CACTUS 6339*

- HQ CONCURS IN YOUR PROPOSAL, PARA 1 REP, BUT SUGGEST RE-APPRAISAL AND FINAL DECISION BE MADE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF TRIALS 29 FEB.
- NORAD HAS BEEN ADVISED OF CHANGE IN DEPT LOCATION AND TIMES AS STATED PARA 2 REF.
- NEW SUBJ: SUPPORT ACFT FOR 5 MAR BEING ADVISED TO CONTACT COL GREGORY THRU BASE OPS, NORTH ISLAND NAS.

END OF MESSAGE

*Proposed CACTUS pilots ferry 348 AND 362 from CACTUS to UBS Ranger on 2 March.

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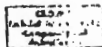
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- D. KWCURFEW
- E. KWMAR 3, 5, 8, 26, 30, 33 (OPERATION OF EQUIP NOT REQUIRED).
- F. CAMER. SETTINGS: (OPERATION OF EQUIP NOT REQUIRED).
- G. AIRBORNE SPARE NOT REQUIRED
- H. NA
- I. AIR REFUELING NOT REQUIRED.
- J. CALL SIGNS: (1) NORMAL: KAYAK 12
(2) EMERG: NONE
- K. REMARKS: THIS IS SIMULATED OPNE MSN IN VIEW YOUR PROBLEMS TO DATE. THIS MSG SENT FOR COMMO EXERCISE. PLEASE ADVISE, IF POSSIBLE, REMAINING SCHEDULE EVENTS.

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J. W. CHEABON & SUX
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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS BEIGE INFO CTE ADIC

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RECITAL-X WHALE TALE THREE
FRAG ORDER NBR ONE TO OPS ORDER 1-64

1. GENERAL: A REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF WHALE TALE THREE EXERCISE ON 9 AND 10 MAR ABOARD THE USS RANGER.

A. ENEMY FORCES: (OMITTED)

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) USN WILL:

(A) PROVIDE THE USS RANGER FOR THIS EXERCISE.

(B) INSURE THAT THE USS RANGER WILL DEPART NORTH ISLAND ON OR ABOUT 0800Z, 9 MAR CONSISTENT WITH USN SCHEDULE OF SHIP MOVEMENT OPERATIONS.

(C) ASSIST EDWARDS PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY

(2) EDWARDS WILL:

(A) PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SAN DIEGO FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. POV IS AUTHORIZED.

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TO INFO CITE

- (B) INSURE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE ABOARD THE USS RANGER BY 2200L, 8 MAR 64.
- (C) ON 9 MAR FERRY #1, U-2G ACFT TO RANGER, TO LAND ABOARD AT APPROX 1000L. THE U-2 WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT FUEL TO ORBIT OVER THE RANGER FOR 45 MIN AND RETURN TO EDWARDS. FUEL DUMPING WILL BE USED TO DUMP EXCESS FUEL BEFORE LANDING ABOARD.
- (D) ON 9 MAR FERRY #2, U-2G ACFT TO RANGER, TO LAND AT APPROX 1200L. FUEL REQ SAME AS ABOVE.
- (E) SCHEDULE PILOT QUALS AS TIME AND ACFT AVAILABILITY PERMITS.
- (F) ESTABLISH FREQUENCY CALL SIGNS AND PROCEDURES TO HAVE A CONTINUOUS (DURING FLIGHT OPS) SSB COMM. BTW BETWEEN THE RANGER, EDWARDS AND THE U-2.

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3. IAC WILL:

(A) PROVIDE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL TO ASSIST THE EDWARDS DETACH IN THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS.

(B) PROVIDE FOR IAC PILOT SHOENACHER TO MAKE A MAX LOAD TAKE-OFF DEMO ON THE AFTERNOON OF 10 MAR IN ACFT 362. 362 IS THEN TO BE FLOWN TO IAC, BURBANK.

END OF MESSAGE



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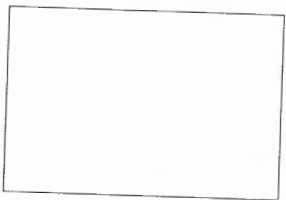
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TO IMMEDIATE CURFEW INFO CITE ADIC 2638

RECITAL-X COMMO WHALE TALE THREE

CACTUS ADVISES THAT SSB CIRCUIT BEING USED TO PASS
OPERATIONAL TYPE INFO BETWEEN CURFEW AND BLUEBALL 44.
REQUEST ABOVE BE DISCONTINUED DUE SECURITY RAMIFICATIONS
UNLESS NORMAL AIR/GROUND COMMUNICATIONS NOT USEABLE.
FURTHER IF SSB MUST BE USED INSURE INFO BE KEPT AS
INNOCUOUS AS POSSIBLE.

END OF MESSAGE



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TO IMMEDIATE BEIGE INFO CITE ADIC 5454
RECITAL-X WHALE TALE THREE

1. REQ YOU TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF THE DOCUMENTARY MOVIE FILM OF THE WHALE TALE THREE OPERATIONS.
2. THESE FILMS NEEDED ASAP THIS HQ FOR BRIEFING AND COORD WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY. PLEASE ADVISE BEST EST THESE FILMS CAN BE DELIVERED THIS HQ.

END OF MESSAGE

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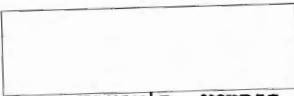
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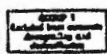
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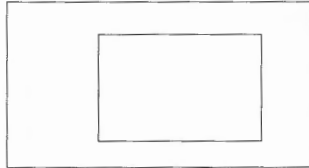
TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO WHALE QTE ADIC 5955

RECITAL-X

1. REQUEST YOU FWD THIS HQ SOONEST FOLG INFO: (THIS INFO REQUIRED FOR REQUESTING AIRLIFT SUPPORTING DEPLOYMENT, AND FOR COORD WITH USN)

- A. PERSONNEL BY NAME AND ~~GR~~ ~~GRADE~~ GRADE.
- B. WEIGHT, CUBE OF CARGO AND SIZE OF LARGEST ITEM.

END OF MESSAGE



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TO PRIORITY BEIGE INFO CITE ADIC

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RECITAL-X WHALE TALE THREE

REQUEST YOU FWD TO ADIC SOONEST A SECOND COPY OF THE WHALE TALE THREE DOCUMENTARY MOVIE. THIS COPY REQUIRED FOR CINCPAC AND OTHER USN BRIEFINGS.

END OF MESSAGE

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TO PRIORITY CACTUS INFO CITE ADIC 6001
RECITAL-X FISH HAWK
REF: CACTUS 6984

V-30 SERIES CHARTS BEING AIR MAILED THIS DATE.

END OF MESSAGE

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TO PRIORITY WECEN INFO CITE ~~RADIO~~ 5978

REGNANT-X

1. OPERATION "[redacted]" WILL BE OCCURRING DURING THE EARLY TO MID PART OF NEXT MONTH. IT WILL COVER THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER CAPABILITY OF THE U-2, WITH OPERATION OVER THE FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST SITE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC. THIS MESSAGE IS TO ADVISE YOU OF PLANS, SO THAT ADDITIONAL WEATHER DATA CAN BE REQUESTED.

2. CURRENT PLANS: U-2 WILL BE DEPLOYED FROM CACTUS ON 6 MAY AND PLACED ABOARD THE USSRANGER. THE CARRIER WILL THEN BE DEPLOYED TO NEAR 158 140W, WHERE OPERATIONS WILL COMMENCE. RECOVERY WILL OCCUR APPROX 100 MILES TO SOUTHEAST OF THE ABOVE LAUNCH POINT.

ONE FLIGHT IS AUTHORIZED, WITH TWO BACK-UPS.

ROUTE WILL APPROXIMATE FLWG: TAKEOFF 158/140W TO 17.58/150W ALONG ISLANDS TO 239/135W TO LANDING 17.58/137.5W.

BRIEFINGS WILL COMMENCE NEAR 11/1300L (1000Z) FOR THE ALERT AND 0800L (1200Z) FOR THE CONO GO. THIS IS BASED ON A TAKE-OFF NEAR 1700Z, WITH VLD TIME OVR TARGETS BETWEEN 2000 AND 2230Z (1000 AND 1230L). WILL ADVISE OF CHANGES AS PLANS BECOME FIRM. EOM.

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FROM: DIRECTOR

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RECITAL X
FISH HAWK
OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 3-64
ANNEX B ADMINISTRATION

1. KWCACTUS TO CUT TRAVEL ORDERS UTILIZING TECHNICAL SERVICES GROUP, PROVISIONAL, ROLLING AIR FORCE BASE. PERSONNEL WILL DEPLOY AS TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES. LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT COMPANY. THE LOCKHEED NAME, THE EQUIVALENT GS GRADE OR MILITARY RANK WILL NOT BE SHOWN ON ORDERS. NO TDM OR CIC NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON ORDERS. SEE AFM 10-3 PARA 82.

2. AS MAJORITY KWCACTUS PASSPORTS AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS CARRY US GOVERNMENT LEGEND AND ARE OTHER THAN TOURIST TYPES, PASSPORTS AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS WILL NOT BE CARRIED.

3. AS DEPLOYMENT WILL BE FOR APPROXIMATELY 26 DAYS, NO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR DELIVERY PERSONAL MAIL. NORMAL US NAVY PROCEDURE IS FOR DELIVERY OF PERSONAL MAIL IF VESSEL IS WITHIN 600 MILE RADIUS US PORT. IF VESSEL AT SEA FOR APPRECIABLE

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LENGTH OF TIME, SPECIAL DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS THEN MADE WHICH APPEARS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS PERIOD OF DEPLOYMENT.

4. ADEQUATE MESSING AND BILLETING FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR DEPLOYED PERSONNEL AND KWGLITTERS.

5. KWCACTUS FINANCE OFFICER AUTHORIZED DISBURSE NECESSARY FUNDS TO COVER STAGING OPERATIONS. IF FINANCE OFFICER NOT MEMBER STAGING TEAM, THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO BE DELEGATED BY STAGING COMMANDER. FINANCE ACCOUNTING AND ADMINISTRATION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE KUBARK REGS.

6. NO MILITARY UNIFORMS WILL BE WORN. CIVILIAN SUMMER CLOTHING ONLY. PAYMENT OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING ALLOWANCE UP TO \$100 AUTHORIZED EACH AIRMAN ASSIGNED NOT PREVIOUSLY GRANTED CLOTHING ALLOWANCE. PAYMENTS TO BE SUBSTANTIATED BY INVOICES OR SALES SLIPS.

7. DEPLOYED PERSONNEL WILL MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS PERSONAL CONDUCT.

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PART I

- A. OPERATIONS ORDER 3-64
- B. UNCLASSIFIED NICKNAME - FISH HAWK
- C. CHART AND MAP REFS: JN44 - V30-60, V30-74, V30-59, V30-73

PART II (GENERAL SITUATION):

- A. MSN PHOTO AND ELECTRONIC RECONNAISSANCE OF THE FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST AREA IN THE TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO.
- B. ESTIMATE THREE U-2 SORTIES FOR COMPLETION OF TGT COVERAGE (ONE SUCCESSFUL - TWO AS BACK UP).
- C. THE ESTIMATED TIME SPAN OF THIS DEPLOYMENT WILL BE 21 DAYS.
- D. THE DEPLOYMENT BASE WILL BE THE USS RANGER.
- E. U-2'S TO BE DEPLOYED: ACFT 348 AND 362.
- F. U-2'S ARE TO BE DEPLOYED WITH SYSTEMS III, VI, IXA, XII; THE BAKER AND DELTA TWO CAMERAS (NOTE: DELTA TWO WILL BE THE PRIMARY MSN CAMERA).

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PART III (TASK ORGANIZATIONS):

- A. EDWARDS DETACH WILL DEPLOY A FWD DETACH TO THE RANGER.
- B. KWCURFEW IS CABLE ADDRESSEE FOR FWD DETACH ABOARD THE RANGER.
- C. USAF WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT AIRLIFT FOR DETACH PERSONNEL AND EQUIP DEPLOYMENT TO AND FROM THE USS RANGER.
- D. USN TO PROVIDE THE USS RANGER AS AN OPERATING BASE FOR THIS MSN, AND PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR MSN TAKE MOVEMENT.
- E. E.K. WILL DEPLOY PERSONNEL AND EQUIP AS REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING MSN TAKE ABOARD SHIP.
- F. NPIC WILL DEPLOY PERSONNEL AND EQUIP AS REQUIRED FOR PHOTO INTERPRETATION OF MSN TAKE ABOARD SHIP.

PART IV (COMMAND AND OPNL COORD):

- A. COMMAND:
 - 1. COL WM J GREGORY - KWCURFEW DETACH CMDR.
 - 2. USAF CONTACTS - NONE
 - 3. USN:-

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- (A) V/ADM - P.D.STROUP, COMNAVAIRPAC, CLEARED I-3.
- (B) CAPT GEORGE C. DUNCAN, ASST CH OF STAFF FOR FORCE READINESS, CLEARED I-3.
- (C) CAPT WM LEMOS, CMDG OFF USS RANGER, I-3.
- (D) CMDR WM E. PORTER, EX OFF USS RANGER, I-3.
- (E) CMDR WM W. STRONG, OPS OFF USS RANGER, I-3.
- (F) CMDR MORRIS G. ESMIOL, AIR OFF USS RANGER, I-3.
- (G) L/CMDR L. H. WELLS, COMMO OFF USS RANGER, I-3.

B. OPNL COORD:

1. OPNL CONTROL OF KWCURFEW WILL BE ASSUMED BY ADIC AS OF 7/0001 MAY ZULU.
2. KWCURFEW CMDR AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH CAPT GEORGE DUNCAN, I-3, NO ISLAND NAS, PHONE NBR 435-6611 EXT 543, AND CAPT WM LEMOS, CMDR OF USS RANGER - ALEMEDA NAS-TO COORD AND BRIEF ALL MATTERS PERTAINING THIS DEPLOYMENT. KWCURFEW CMDR WILL BRIEF ALL USS RANGER CLEARED OFFICERS (PART IV A 1) THIS MSG ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS OPS ORD, SOI AND THE TACTICAL DOCTRINE

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TO EFFECT THEIR COOPERATION IN ASSURING A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ALL PHASES OF OPNS).

PART V (OPNS GENERAL):

A. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

1. U-2:

(A) LEG NBR ONE - FERRY MEN NBR 348/0094G - 362/0104G

DEPT EDWARDS AFB 06/2100Z 06/2200Z

ARR RANGER 06/2300Z 06/2359Z

(B) LEG NBR TWO RETURN FERRY MEN NBR 348/0114G - 362/0124G

DEPT RANGER: AT DETACH CMDR'S DISCRETION WHEN

WITHIN RANGE OF EDWARDS AFB.

ARR EDWARDS AFB; TIMES TO BE FURNISHED BY KWCURFEW

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2. SUPPORT AIRLIFT: (TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, ACTUAL SCHEDULE TO BE FWD BY SEA MSA)

(A) LEG NBR ONE: C-118 C-124 C-124

DEPT EDWARDS AFB 05/1600Z 05/1630Z 05/1645Z

ARR ALAMEDA NAS 05/1730Z 05/1800Z 05/1815Z

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(B) LEG NBR TWO: TO BE REQUESTED BY SEP MSG WHEN RETURN ITEN FIRM.

3. USS RANGER:

- (A) DEPT ALEMEDA NAS 06/1500Z
- (B) RECOVERS U-2/348 06/2300Z
RECOVERS U-2/362 06/2359Z

(C) ABB MSN LAUNCH AREA 1400S 13800W APPROX 12/13 MAY.
(NOTE: SPECIFIC LAUNCH COORDINATES TO BE SENT BY RECITAL-61).

(D) DEPT MSN LAUNCH AREA 1400S 13800W APPROX 17 MAY.

(E) U-2'S LAUNCHED ON RETURN FERRY FLTS APPROX 22 MAY.

(F) RETURNS ALEMEDA NAS APPROX 26 MAY.

B. DETAILED U-2 FERRY ROUTE:

- A. 3803N 12155W
- B. 3450 11830
- C. 3422 11927

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- C. FLIGHT CLEARANCE: U-2 WILL NOT FILE CLEARANCES.
- D. RADAR SUPPRESSION: RADAR REPORTING OF U-2 FLIGHT TRACES TO AND FROM THE USS RANGER WILL BE SUPPRESSED BY PROJ HQ.

E. DIP CLEARANCES: N/R

F. UHF, SSB AND SIF PROCEDURES, CALL SIGNS AND FREQS:

1. NORMAL:

(A) USS RANGER - EDWARDS DETACH CMDR TO COORD CALL SIGNS, FREQUENCIES AND SIF MODES WITH RANGER CDRS OFFICER PRIOR TO U-2'S DEPLOYMENT.

(B) TANKER: N/R

(C) U-2 NORMAL CALL SIGNS:

348 - GRAYLING

362 - RAINBOW

(D) SPECIAL PROCEDURES SAME AS (1) (A) ABOVE.

2. EMERGENCY:

(A) USS RANGER - SAME AS (1) (A) ABOVE.

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(B) TANKER: N/R

(C) U-2 EMERG CALL SIGNS

348 - ANNIE

382 - SPENCER

G. INFLIGHT REFUELING: N/R.

H. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARRIER OPMS:

1. PILOTS ARE TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF THREE U-2G FCLP SORTIES (DESIRED: TWO LOW - ONE HIGH) WEARING PRESSURE SUITS, PRIOR TO DEPLOYING TO THE RANGER.

2. FERRY FLIGHTS TO THE RANGER ARE TO BE FLOWN AT MAX ALT FOR FINAL ACFT SHAKE DOWN PRIOR TO MSN. LET-DOWN AND RECOVERY WILL BE IAW THE RANGER STANDARD RADAR RECOVERY PROCEDURES.

3. TWO TOUCH AND GO AND TWO TRAPPED LANDINGS WILL BE MIN REQUIREMENT FOR PILOT REQUALIFICATION ABOARD SHIP. THESE LANDINGS TO BE PERFORMED AT TERMINATION OF FERRY FLIGHT TO RANGER.

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4. KWCURFEW DETACH PERSONNEL ARE TO BE DOCUMENTED WITH LAC IDEN CARDS, THESE CARDS ARE TO SERVE AS SHIP BOARDING PASSES AND AS SPECIAL AREA IDENS ABOARD SHIP.

5. AS SEA STATE AND LOCAL WX ALONG CALIF COAST WILL AFFECT THE RECOVERY OF THE FERRY FLIGHTS TO THE RANGER, THE DEPLOYMENT TIME OF THE RANGER WILL BE DELAYED AS REQUIRED BY PROJ HQ UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WX SUITABLE FOR U-2G RECOVERY ABOARD SHIP.

6. TIME AND POSITION OF RECOVERY OF FERRY FLIGHTS ABOARD SHIP WILL BE AT DISCRETION OF DETACH CMDR AND RANGER'S CMDG OFFICER, (ALSO IN ACCORD WITH LOCAL WX CONDITIONS).

7. KWCURFEW CMDR IS TO ESTABLISH AS BACK UP, A SSB COMMO LINK WITH EDWARDS AFB. U-2'S ARE TO BE LAUNCHED AT EDWARDS AT TIMES KWCURFEW CMDR INDICATES. (SEE ANNEX E)

- I. SEARCH AND RESCUE AND EMERG BASES: N/R
- J. GENERAL EMERG PROCEDURES FOR DOWNED PILOTS: (SEE ANNEX F)
- K. TAKE HANDLING PROCEDURES: A SPECIAL TEAM FROM KK AND

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NPIC WILL BE DEPLOYED WITH THE EDWARDS DETACH ABOARD SHIP. THIS TEAM WILL PROCESS AND READ OUT THE MEN TAKE PRIOR TO THE RANGER'S REPORTING THE AREA OF INTEREST. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE MEN TAKE WILL BE FLOWN TO THE E.K. VIA NAVY ACFT WHEN THE RANGER HAS REACHED A POSITION WITHIN AIRCRAFT RANGE OF SO. CALIF.

L. ANNEXES:

- A. INTELLIGENCE
- B. ADMINISTRATIVE
- C. SECURITY
- D. LOGISTICS
- E. COMMUNICATIONS
- F. COVER
- G. WEATHER

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ANNEX ^D TO OPOD 3-64
LOGISTICS

1. FACILITIES AVAILABLE: SUFFICIENT FACILITIES TO SUPPORT THE DETACHMENT AIRCRAFT, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE ON BOARD THE CARRIER.
2. MISSION EQUIPMENT: THE DELTA II CONFIGURATION WILL BE THE PRIMARY SYSTEM FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT. A "B" CONFIGURATION WILL ALSO BE DEPLOYED AS BACK-UP. SUFFICIENT FILM TO SUPPORT BOTH CONFIGURATIONS WILL BE DEPLOYED BY THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER.
3. AGE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT: THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT WILL BE DEPLOYED BY THE DETACHMENT:
 - A. TWO R-2 REFUELING TRUCKS (NOTE: TRUCKS SHOULD BE FILLED TO CAPACITY -- 5,000 GALLONS EACH; 10,000 GALLONS TOTAL OF TESTED MIL SPEC FUEL.)
 - B. HYDRAULIC GIG
 - C. MB-1 PRESSURIZATION TESTER

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ALL OTHER REQUIRED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE ON BOARD THE CARRIER.

4. TRACKER PROCESSING: TRACKER PROCESSING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ON BOARD THE CARRIER WITH NAVY FACILITIES.

5. SUPPLY:

A. FAX SUPPLIES: SUFFICIENT SPARES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO ENABLE THE DETACHMENT TO BE COMPLETELY SELF SUPPORTING WITHOUT RESUPPLY DURING THE DEPLOYMENT PERIOD. THE SPARE AIRCRAFT BEING DEPLOYED WILL SERVE AS THE MAJOR BACK UP IN CASE OF ENGINE FAILURE AND/OR AACP ON THE PRIMARY AIRCRAFT. IN THE EVENT THE SPARE AIRCRAFT IS NOT DEPLOYED, A COMPLETE BUILT UP ENGINE WILL BE DEPLOYED WITH NECESSARY TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR INSTALLATION.

B. SUFFICIENT OXYGEN AND NITROGEN WILL BE TAKEN BY THE FISH HAWK DETACHMENT TO SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT PERIOD.

C. RESUPPLY: NO NORMAL RESUPPLY IS PLANNED FOR THIS OPERATION. RESUPPLY OF EMERGENCY ITEMS WILL BE HANDLED ON AN AS-REQUIRED BASIS. SHIPPING METHOD WILL BE DETERMINED FOR EACH CASE AS THE NEED ARISES.

6. MAINTENANCE: NORMAL PRE-FLIGHT AND POST-FLIGHT MAINTENANCE

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WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ON BOARD THE CARRIER.

7. TRANSPORTATION: AIRLIFT - AIRLIFT WILL BE SCHEDULED BY PROJECT HQS TO DEPLOY DETACHMENT EQUIPMENT FROM EDWARDS AFB TO ALAMEDA NAS, CALIFORNIA.

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ANNEX G TO OPOD 3-64

CLIMATOLOGY: MAY

1. THE OCEAN REGION FROM SAMOA TO PITCAIRN IS IN THE ZONE OF THE EASTERLY TRADES AND HAS A TROPICAL CLIMATE. FAIR WEATHER CUMULUS IS THE PRIMARY CLOUD TYPE WITH TOTAL SKY COVER AROUND 50% DURING THE DAY AND NIGHT. THERE IS MORE CLOUDINESS OVER THE ISLANDS THAN THE SURROUNDING SEA AND THE MOUNTAINOUS ISLANDS HAVE MORE CLOUDINESS THAN THE ATOLLS. COMPLETE CLEAR SKIES ARE UNCOMMON. A MINIMUM OF CLOUDINESS OCCURS AT NIGHT AND A MAX IN EARLY AFTERNOON. MAY AVERAGES 2-4 DAYS OF ALMOST CLEAR SKIES.
2. PRECIPITATION VARIES WIDELY, DEPENDENT PRIMARILY UPON THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE ISLANDS. AVERAGE PRECIP IS 3-5 INCHES WITH AFTERNOON SHOWERS AT LEAST ONCE IN EVERY THREE DAYS.
3. CARRIER OPS WILL SELDOM BE IMPAIRED BY WEATHER AS VFR CONDITIONS EXIST 98% OF THE TIME. SFC WINDS ARE EASTERLY WITH VELOCITIES LESS THAN 15 KTS.

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RECITAL-X FISH HAWK

1. PROJ HQ C-118 TAIL NBR 33227 WILL ARR KWBAIL 03/1000L FOR PICK UP OF 3600 LBS FOR SUBSEQUENT AIRLIFT TO KWCACTUS. C-118 TO ARR KWCACTUS SUN, P.M.
2. KWBAIL EQUIP WILL BE DEPLOYED TO ALAMEDA NAS ON SAME MATS AIRLIFT AS KWCACTUS DETACH ON 5 MAY.
3. KWBAIL PERSONNEL WILL PROCEED SAN FRANCISCO VIA COMAIR. PERSONNEL ARE TO CONTACT COL WM J GREGORY, KWCACTUS PHONE 213 MA 8-9035, ASAP AFTER ARRIVAL AT SAN FRANCISCO TO ESTABLISH MEETING PLACE AND TIME. KWBAIL PLEASE ADVISE ADIC/ KWCACTUS NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS TO CONTACT COL GREGORY.

END OF MESSAGE

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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO

CITE ADIC 6221

REF: CACTUS 7064 (IN 76203)

RECITAL X INTEL FISH HAWK

SHIPPING VIEWER ON SUNDAY AIRLIFT TO YOU. VIEWER BEING LOANED BY HQS
AND WILL ATTEMPT PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL UNIT FOR YOU EARLIEST.

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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS WHALE^{INFO}
BAIL SPECTRE

CITE ADIC 6240

RECITAL-X FISH HAWK

REF: ADIC 6175

1. THE DEPLOYMENT OF FISH HAWK OPERATION (FROM EDWARDS TO ALAMEDA) DELAYED UNTIL 11 MAY DUE TO FURTHER COORD MATTERS CONCERNING THIS OPERATION, AND HIGH WIND CONDITIONS AT EDWARDS PRECLUDING COMPLETION OF REQUIRED PILOT FCLP SORTIES.

2. PLEASE ADJUST ALL TIMES ACCORDINGLY.

END OF MESSAGE

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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO CITE ADIC 6307

RECITAL-61 FISH HAWK

- A. W224A
- B. ~~W224A~~ ASAP
- C. NONE
- D. (1) REQUEST VERTICAL COVERAGE FOLLOWING FLIGHT LINES: A TO B, C TO D, E TO F, G TO H, I TO J, K TO L.
(2) DELTA II ON AT PT A, STANDBY PT B, ON AT PT C, STAND BY AT PT D, ON AT PT E, STAND BY AT PT F, ON AT PT G, STAND BY AT PT H, ON AT PT I, STAND BY AT PT J, ON AT PT K, OFF AT PT L.
(3) SYSTEM SIX - ON Both at T.O. off at landing.
- E. N/A
- F. (1) FLY BASE ALTITUDE PLUS 180.
(2) CONTRAILS NOT CAUSE FOR ABORT.
(3) PLANNED FUEL LOAD 1345. FUEL RESERVE AT CARRIER 245 GALS.
(4) DESIRED MINIMUM PENETRATION ALT BASE PLUS 180.
- G. ROUTE:
PT A. 23188 13430W
B. 2258 13520

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- E. 2200 13845
- F. 2132 13900
- G. 1830 14040
- H. 1752 14110
- I. 1738 14507
- J. 1710 14550
- K. 1800 14600
- L. 1720 14950

USS RANGER - 1440 14030

H. INOP BIRDWATCHER IS NOT CAUSE FOR AIR ABORT, BUT IS MANDATORY
FOR GROUND ABORT. *CAUSE*

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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO CITE ADYC 6308

RECITAL 55 FISH HAWK

- A. W224A
- B. ASAP/1530Z
- C. SOUTH PACIFIC
- D. KWCORFEW
- E. DELTA 2, KWMARK 5, 8, 20, 30, 33
- F. SLIT WIDTH .049
- G. NOT REQUIRED
- H. TAKE INSTRUCTIONS:

DELTA II: PROCESS ABOARD SEIP FOR TARGET READ OUT, FINAL PROCESSING KWBAIL.

KWMARK 5: PROCESS ABOARD SEIP.

KWMARK 8: FWD TO HQ.

KWMARK 26: FWD TO HQ.

DRIVE/DBRIEF TAP: FWD HQ.

TRANSPORT OF TAKE WILL BE NAVAL ACFT TO SAN DIEGO, COMAIR TO KWBAIL.

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I. NOT REQUIRED

J. CALL SIGNS:

1. NORMAL; WALLEYE

2. EMERG: FORSYTH

K. REMARKS:

1. FOLG ARE TGTS FISH HAWK OPN:

- (A) MUMUROA 2200S 13900W PRIORITY TGT
- (B) MAGAREVA 2307S 13457W SECONDARY TGT
- (C) HAO 1800S 14100W SECONDARY TGT
- (D) ANAA 1730S 14800W SECONDARY TGT
- (E) PAPEETE 1737S 14934W SECONDARY TGT

2. ALPHABETICAL DESIGNATORS LISTED ABOVE MAY BE USED IF REPORTING TGT COVERAGE TO HQ BECOMES NECESSARY. THIS FOR PURPOSE OF BREVITY AND FOR USE IN TRAFFIC HQ, CURFEW AND CACTOS ONLY.

3. MSN NUMBERS W224A, W234A, W244A, ~~W254A~~ W264A ^{W254A AND W264A} RESERVED THIS OPT AND WILL BE RETIRED IF NOT USED.

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4. THIS MSG YOUR AUTHORITY TO LAUNCH W224A ASAP AFTER ARRIVAL LAUNCH AREA AND FCST TGT WX ACCEPTABLE. KWCURFEW CMDR FURTHER AUTH TO PLAN ~~SEVERAL~~ SUBSEQUENT MSNS AS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ACCEPTABLE PECTO COVERAGE ALL TOTS. LAUNCH SUBSEQUENT MSNS ONLY WITH SPECIFIC APPROVAL PROJ HQ.
5. MIN TWENTY DEGREE SUN ANGLE DESIRABLE.
6. FYI, HQ HAS COMPUTED SUNRISE AT LAUNCH POINT 1525Z AND TWENTY DEGREE SUN ANGLE POINT A APPROX 1705Z.

END OF MESSAGE.

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CITE ADIC

6306

RECITAL-X FISH HAWK

ADDENDUM NBR ONE TO OPS ORD 3-64

1. FYI AND PLANNING PURPOSES THE USS RANGER WILL, AFTER RECOVERING THE U-2 ABOARD, GO TO AN EMCON STATUS (NO HF - LF TRANSMISSIONS) AND WILL REMAIN IN THIS STATUS UNTIL AFTER THE RETURN TO SO CALIF WATERS FROM THE FISH HAWK OPNS.

2. THIS WILL PRECLUDE THE KWCURFEW DETACH SENDING NORMAL AND USN MSGS VIA COMMO LINK ESTABLISHED IN ANNEX E - COMMO (ADIC 6178). HOWEVER, RECEIPT OF MSGS FROM HQ WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE, USING OTHER COMMO LINKS. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THESE MSGS WILL BE PERFORMED IAW SPECIAL COMMO PROCEDURES THAT WILL BE SENT BY SEP MSG.

3. TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS FO FISH HAWK OPNS INsofar AS TGT COVERAGE IS CONCERNED, THE KWCURFEW DETACH WILL BE GIVEN THE RECITAL 55, 61 AND 70 PRIOR TO DEPT FROM KWCRACTUS. THE DETACH CMDR IS AUTH THE DISCRETION TO FLY THIS SORTIE AT SUCH TIME AND POSITION AS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ITS SUCCESS.

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IF THE FIRST SORTIE IS UNSUCCESSFUL OR PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL DUE WX, OR CAMERA MALFUNCTION, THE DET CMDR IS TO NOTIFY HQ ASAP THAT ADDITIONAL SORTIE(S) WILL BE REQUIRED, AND IS TO PREPARE FOR THIS ADDITIONAL SORTIE THE FOL DAY. HQ WILL OBTAIN POLITICAL APPROVAL FOR EACH BACKUP SORTIE AND WILL ADVISE THE DETACH CMDR IF AND WHEN HE IS TO LAUNCH. BACKUP SORTIES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE LAUNCHED WITHOUT SPECIFIC HQ APPROVAL.

4. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A. KWCURFEW CMDR WILL:

(1) DESIGNATE EMERG LANDING BASES AND BINGO FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR U-2 FERRY FLIGHTS TO USS RANGER.

(2) THOROUGHLY BRIEF H2LO AND W2F CREWS ON U-2 ENEMY ESCAPE PROCEDURES IN EVENT OF A CRASH LANDING.

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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO ADIC 6304

- RECITAL-X FISH HAWK
- REF: A. CACTUS 7096
B. CACTUS 7103
C. ADIC 6175
D. ADIC 6092

TELECON COL GREGORY - MAJ CHERBONNEAUX

1. CONFIRMING TELECON, THERE WILL BE A FISH HAWK OPNS MEETING ABOARD USS RANGER AT ALEMEDA NAS AT 0930LCL 4 MAY 64. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO IRON OUT ALL LAST MINUTE DETAILS OF THIS OPN WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. PRESENCE OF COL GREGORY AND COL KUTTLER IS REQUESTED.

2. PER REF A PARA 1 A. PRESENT PLANNING IS TO HAVE FOUR KWBAIL REPS AND ONE NPIC REP AS SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONNEL FOR THIS OPN. NPIC REP IS NOT REPLACEMENT FOR SGT DUVAL. BUT IS TO OFFICIALLY CONFIRM TGT COVERAGE WITH DELTA TWO CAMERA HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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3. PER REF A PARA 2. ADD TO REF C PART II PARA F:
KVMARK 5.

4. PER REF A PARA 3. CHANGE PARA C 1 REF D TO READ:
LAC DECALS WILL BE AFFIXED AS APPROPRIATE.

5. PER REF B. CONCUR WITH CHANGES AS OUTLINED. THIS
WAS THE INTENT OF PART V PARA H 6 AND 7. THAT IS: U-2 TAKE
OFF AND RECOVERY TIMES ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE KWCURFEW
DETACH CMDR, CONSISTENT WITH ^{LCI-}DEEC WX CONDITIONS AND SHIP'S
POSITION.

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TO PRIORITY CACTUS INFO CITE ADIC 6509

RECITAL-X FISH HAWK
REF: A. CACTUS 7130

B. TELECON MAJ CHERBONNEAUX TO COL GREGORY

1. PER REF A, DETONATORS ARE REQUIRED ON ARTICLES FOR FISH HAWK OPNS.
2. PER REF B, LATEST INFO THIS HQ IS THAT TWO ARTICLES WILL BE USED ON THIS OPN. THIS MSG AUTH YOU TO PROCEED WITH REQUIRED MAINT, ETC, TO PREPARE ARTICLES FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT.

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TO WEOEN INFO CITE ADIC 6557

REGNANT-X

REF: ADIC 5756 (REGITAL-144) AND ADIC 6449 (REGNANT-X)

1. DEPLOYMENT TO COCOA STILL UP IN THE AIR.
2. DECISION WILL BE MADE, AT ADIC, DAILY NEAR 1300Z ON 24 HR DELAY VERSUS A GO AHEAD ON THE FERRY MISSION. WILL ADVISE YOU OF NEED FOR R-145 AT THIS TIME DAILY.
3. FYI-LOP NOR (EAST END OF TAKLA MAKAN DEBERT) POTENTIAL POINT OF INTEREST WHEN UNIT DEPLOYED.

REF: ADIC 5978 (OPERATION FISH HAWK)

1. LATEST PLANS-ACFT ABOARD CARRIER 12 MAY, THEN 6 DAYS TO LAUNCH AREA. WILL DESIRE TEST WX MSGS COMMENCING 15 MAY TO ASSURE ADEQUATE TRANSMISSION PROCEDURES AND TIMING. WILL KEEP ADVISED. EOM.

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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO CITE ADIC 6600

RECITAL X FISH HAWK INTEL SECUR

REFS: A. CACTUS 7150

B. ADIC 6092

1. PRIMARY COURSE TO FOLLOW IN EVENT OF AN INFLIGHT EMERGENCY IS TO HEAD FOR THE CARRIER AND MAKE AN ARRESTED OR A BARRIER LANDING DEPENDING UPON NATURE OF EMERGENCY. IF UNABLE TO LAND ABOARD SHIP EJECT NEAR THE CARRIER OR NEAR LAND. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE AVOID LANDING ON THE BEACH OR IN SHALLOW WATER. IN EVENT CARRIER LANDING CANNOT BE EFFECTED, ACTIVATE DESTRUCT MECHANISM PRIOR TO EJECTION.
2. REF B PROVIDES COVER SHOULD KWGLITTER BE PICKED UP BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES. IF PILOT LANDS IN THE WATER NEAR ISLANDS, MAKE FOR NEAREST LAND AND IF NOT PICKED UP BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES USE NORMAL E&E RESCUE PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:

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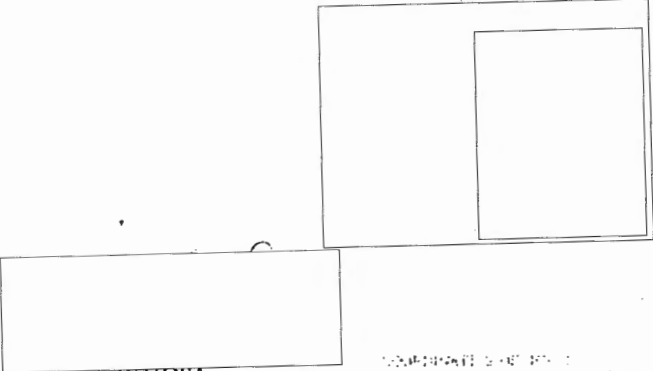
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KWGLITTER WILL MONITER EMERGENCY RADIO. SEARCH
 UNITS AUTHORIZED TO BREAK EMCOM AND TRANSMIT "THIS IS
 BLACKHAWK". GLITTER WILL RESPOND WITH "BLUEBIRD" AND
 WILL ASSIST SEARCH UNIT AS ABLE. IF SURFACE ~~SEARCH~~ *SEARCH OR PICKUP* IS REQUIRED,
 CACTUS OPERATIONS OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY SURFACE UNIT AND
 PROVIDE C. O. WITH SOP.

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TO IMMEDIATE CACTUS INFO CITE ADIC 6640

RECITAL-X FISH HAWK

REF: A. ADIC 6175

B. FISH HAWK OPNS CONFERENCE 4 MAY. ABOARD USS RANGER

1. PER DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS DURING REF B, THE
FOLG CHANGES TO OPS ORD 3-64 WILL NOW APPLY:

A. RE PART V PARA A.L. U-2: CHANGE TO READ:

- (A) LEG NBR ONE 348/0094G 362/0104G
- DEPT EDWARDS AFB 12/1900Z 12/2000Z
- ARR USS RANGER 12/2215Z 12/2245Z

B. RE PART V PARA A.3. USS RANGER: CHANGE TO READ:

- (A) DEPART ALEMEDA NAS 11 MAY
- (B) RECOVERS U-2/348 (OFF SAN CLEMENTE IS) 12/2215Z
- (C) RECOVERS U-2/362 (OFF SAN CLEMENTE IS) 12/2245Z

C. RE PART V PARA B DETAILED U-2 FERRY ROUTE: CHANGE TO READ:

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- C. 2850 12130

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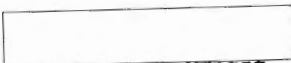
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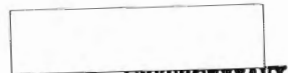
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RECITAL-X FISH HAWK

FOLG COMFIRSTFLT MSG DTG 08/0145Z SENT USS RANGER AND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO: QUOTE - INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDUCT OF OPERATION FISH HAWK (TS).

- A. OPCEN OP ORD 3-64 KCNO MSG 301815Z APR.
- B. CNO 020111Z.
- C. COMFIRSTFLT 051742Z.

1. PURPOSE.

TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS TO CO RANGER (CYA 61) FOR THE CONDUCT OF OPERATION AS SPECIFIED IN REFERENCES A, B, AND C.

2. CONCEPT.

A. SITUATION. AS SPECIFIED IN REFERENCES. (1) IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF REFERENCES. A, B, AND C THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS APPLY: (A) 11 MAY: RANGER LOAD AND WHEN READY FOR SEA, DEPART SFRAN FOR POSIT ABOUT 50 MILES WEST OF PT ARGUELLO ARRIVING 12 MAY. (B) 12 MAY: RANGER ARR POSIT ABOUT 50 MILES WEST OF PT ARGUELLO HAVING CONDUCTED PRELIMINARY AERIAL

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SURVEILLANCE FOR CLEAR. CONDUCT REQUAL AND RECOVERY MISSION AIRCRAFT, REMAINING OUT OF SIGHT CONTACT OTHER SHIPS. UPON COMPLETION DEPART THE AREA CHECK OUT MOVPT SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE ART 224 OF SUPPLEMENT TO NWIP 10-1A. SET EMCON BELOW 30 MCS AND PROCEED VIC 09-22N 12900W TO ARR 152100Z. (C) 15 MAY: ABOUT 2100Z RANGER PARSONS HDVU AND UNREP FROM PLATTE VIC 09-22N 129-00W. UPON COMPLETION RANGER WITH PARSONS UNDER YOUR OPCON DEPART THE AREA WITH PARSONS AS ADVANCE PICKET, PROCEED AT 25 KTS TO VIC 14-00S 138-00W, TO ARR AT 161500Z. (D) 16 MAY: RANGER CONDUCT OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED BY REFS A AND B AS MODIFIED BY REF C. RANGER REFUEL PARSONS AS REQUIRED. IF THE OPERATION IS COMPLETED ON 16 MAY, RANGER AND PARSONS DEPART THE AREA AT 23 KTS TO VIC OF 09-22N 131-45W TO ARR 22 MAY. (E) IF THE OPERATION IS NOT COMPLETED ON 16 MAY, RANGER AND PARSONS CLEAR THE LAUNCH AREA, BUT REMAIN WITHIN REACH OF IT AND AWAIT FURTHER DIRECTIONS FROM COMFIRSTFLT BASED ON REQUEST FROM OPCEN. (F) 22 MAY: RANGER AND PARSONS UNREP FROM PLATTE VIC OF 09-22N 131-45W, UPON

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COMPLETION RANGER FLY OFF MSN AIRCRAFT AND PROCEED TO SFRAN TO ARR 26 MAY. EVENTS OF 22 MAY WILL BE DELAYED IF THE MISSION IS NOT COMPLETED ON 18 MAY. UPON COMPLETION OF UNREP RELEASE OPCON PARSONS AND DIRECT PLATTE PARSONS PROCEED HOMEPORTS.

3. OBJECTIVES.

AS STATED IN REF A.

4. AREA OF OPERATION.

AS STATED IN REF A.

5. FORCES

ASSIGNED AND TASK DESIGNATIONS:

- A. USS RANGER - TG 171.1
- B. USS PARSONS - TG 15.4
- C. USS PLATTE - TG 18.1

6. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A. RANGER, PARSONS, PLATTE WILL CHECK OUT OF KOVRPT SYSTEM IN ACCORD ART 224 OF SUPPLEMENT TO NWIP 10-1A ON DEP LOCAL OP AREA. PARSONS AND PLATTE REMAIN IN EMCON UNTIL RETURN TO LOCAL OP AREA.

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RANGER REMAIN IN EMCON UNTIL RETURN TO APPROACHES OF SFRAN OP AREA.

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EXCEPTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) RANGER: BREAK ENCOM ONLY AS REQUIRED TO TRANSMIT NECESSARY MISSION DATA OR IN AN EMERGENCY.
 - (2) PARSONS: ONLY IN EMERGENCY OR AS DIRECTED BY CTG 171.1
 - (3) PLATTE: ONLY IN EMERGENCY OR AS DIRECTED BY CTG 171.1 IN EFFECTING RDVU OR CHANGE IN POSIT.
- B. RANGER, PARSONS AND PLATTE WILL ASSUME TASK GROUP DESIGNATORS (PARA 5) ON DEPARTURE FROM HOMEPORTS. COMMUNICATIONS THEREAFTER WILL BE ADDRESSED ACCORDINGLY.
- C. COMFIRSTFLT WILL RECEIVE AND TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY ON ROUTINE TRAFFIC FOR ALL UNITS.
- D. RANGER PARSONS GUARD FOXTROT ROMEO UNTIL 160000Z THEN SHIFT TO HOTEL ROMEO UNTIL 230000Z THEN SHIFT BACK. PLATTE WILL GUARD FOXTROT ROMEO THROUGHOUT. COMFIRSTFLT WILL NOTIFY NAV^COMISTAS.
- UNQUOTE

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RECITAL-X FISH HAWK

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B. CACTUS 7161

1. PER REF A PARA D (2): DELETE STAND BY PT B, ON AT PT C, STANDBY AT PT D, ON AT PT E.

2. PER REF A ADD TO PARA G: LAUNCH COORDINATES OF USS RANGER ARE 14008 13800W.

3. PER REF B PARA 3: ADIC 6654 ANSWERS THIS.

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RECITAL-130

- A. FISH HWWK
- B. 16/1530Z TO 2200Z MAY 64 AND DAILY THEREAFTER UFN.
- C. AREA WITHIN 15 AND 259, 160 AND 130W.
- D. (A) 2200S/13900W (B) 2307S 13457W (C) 1800S 14100W (D) 1730S 14600W (E) 1737S 14934W
- E. LAUNCH 1400S 13600W; A-2318S 13430W; B-2258 13520; O-2140 13835; D-2200 13910; E-2200 13845; F-2132 13900; G-1830 14040; H-1752 14110; I-1738 14507; J-1710 14550; K-1800 14900; L-1720 14950; RECOVER 1440 14730. (ALTS-40M AND 70M)
- F. IMMEDIATE CURFEW (INFO ADIC) NLT 15/1330Z FOR R-131 (COMMO CHECK)
 NLT 16/1310Z FOR R-131 V.D 17TH
 NLT 17/0030Z FOR R-133
 NLT 17/0530Z FOR R-133II
 NLT 17/0930Z FOR R-135

R-131 THRU 135 WILL BE TRANSMITTED DAILY, COMMENCING 16/1330Z UFN.

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RECITAL-X FISH HAWK

1. REF YOUR COMMO BREVITY CODE, ADD THE FOLG: ROGER ROGER - RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED OF MSG (CITE NBR/DATE/TIME).
2. REQ YOUR PRESENT POSITION, AND DAILY POSITION REPORT AS OF 0001Z.
3. REQ RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS MSG.
4. FYI THIS INFO TO BE COORDINATED WITH USN.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project WHALE TALE-II

1. On Monday afternoon, 26 August 1963 a meeting was held at the Monterey Naval Air Facility in order to formulate plans for Subject operation. Those in attendance were James Cunningham, James Cherbonneaux and the undersigned representing Headquarters; Col. Gregory and James Barnes from Edwards; Capt. Carmody from Headquarters Navy; Capt. William Craven, CO of the Monterey Facility and Lt. Cdr. John Huber, the Landing Signal Officer for the operation.

2. At this meeting it was decided that carrier landing training would begin at the Monterey Naval Air Facility on Monday 16 September 1963 and would last for approximately four weeks, being spread out between Monterey, Lemoore Naval Air Station (near-by) Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida and at sea, aboard the carrier Lexington. Navy Jet Trainers, T-2A's will be used. A total of ten drivers including the two Jacksons will be trained; four the first two times around and two the last.

3. It was agreed that the drivers, along with a Security Officer from Edwards, will stay at a large Motel in Monterey. Different motels will be used for each group. The drivers will be documented as Naval Reserve Officers, which documentation will be made up by Capt. Craven on the morning of their arrival. This documentation will serve only to get the drivers off and on the base without any questions. They will be issued Naval flight gear (orange flying suits) which they will keep in the trunks of their cars like all other reserve pilots. Once they are on the base they will turn their documentation over to Capt. Craven or the Security Officer (Edwards) and while actually flying will carry no documentation whatsoever. Their only activity at the Naval Base will be flying airplanes with the possibility of eating lunch. They will not have access to the Officers Club or Ships Store and accordingly will do everything to avoid con-

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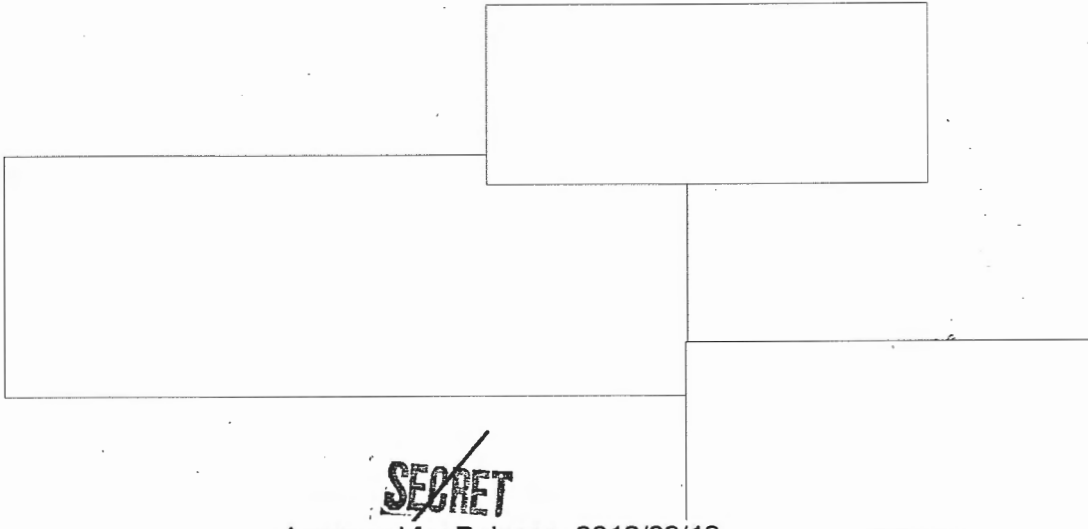
tact with legitimate Navy types.

4. The original plan of having the drivers documented as Lockheed test pilots was abandoned because the airplanes they will be flying are made by North American, and this would never do. The Monterey PIO who is also the SO comes under the control and supervision of Capt. Craven and a press release cannot be made without the concurrence of Capt. Craven. In the event of a mishap, Capt. Craven will not release any statement until it is coordinated with us. Arrangements were also made whereby Subject code word will be used in lieu of the pilots names when refueling at Lemoore or filing flight plans in the event of foul weather.

5. Capt. Craven, who was previously cleared for Idealist, was signed up again and Lt. Cmdr. Huber, who is currently cleared Idealist will be the only two Naval personnel on the immediate scene (Monterey or Lemoore) who will be completely witting. Capt. Craven's Executive Officer and two flight instructors, yet unnamed, will be briefed WHALE TALE by Capt. Craven and will sign Memorandums of Understanding which were provided for him. These forms will be returned to Headquarters via the Edwards SO after they have been executed.

6. It is recommended that for the first session, beginning on 16 September, the drivers and SO make reservations in advance at the Motel "6" which is located at 2126 Fremont Street, Monterey which is within five minutes of the Monterey Air Facility. During the first week, the SO should look around and locate another large motel for the second group, and determine whether or not, in his judgment, the drivers should stay at another motel the second week.

7. The details for the Pensacola phase of this operation have not yet been worked out, however it is not felt that they will constitute any security/cover problems.



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CREW CONTROL PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: To establish crew control procedures defining responsibilities and procedures to insure mission pilots receive premission rest and nourishment.

1. Policy. It will be the policy of this organization that drivers, when alerted for operational missions, will be provided air conditioned facilities to guaranty adequate undisturbed rest prior to a mission and a premission meal by a person, or persons, so designated by the Flight Surgeon or the Staging Commander.

2. Responsibilities. a. The Flight Surgeon or Staging Commander will delegate one individual to carry out the responsibilities of this memorandum.

b. The individual assigned the responsibility of this memorandum will insure all the provisions contained herein are complied with. All discrepancies will be reported to the Staging Commander and resolved as soon as possible.

3. Procedures. Upon being notified that the unit is alerted for an operational mission, the responsible individual will arrange for air conditioned quarters for the driver assigned to the mission to guaranty adequate rest. The driver will be provided two Tinal capsules for use at his discretion. Any medical complaints or abnormalities noted in the driver will be reported to the staging commander immediately. A pre and post flight meal and post flight beverage will be arranged as requested by the driver. The post flight meal will be provided before or after the formal debriefing however directed by the Staging Commander. The following schedule will be followed:

- a. X - Takeoff 11:00 - Driver to bed.
- b. X - 3:00 - Driver awakened (actual time at pilots discretion) for toilet and pre-flight meal.
- c. X - 2:15 - Driver to briefing.
- d. X - 1:20 - Driver physical examination.
- e. X - 1:15 - Driver commences pre-breathing.

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1:15 - Schedule of events from this point in accordance with Operations SOI Number 2, Mission Launching Schedule.



WILLIAM J GREGORY
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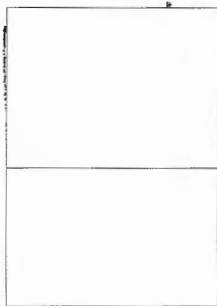
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Vice Admiral John C. Thach, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Office for Air, regarding U-2 Carrier Capability, 10 February

1. At Captain Gerald F. Collieran's suggestion I met with Admiral Thach in his office to bring him up to date on the current status of U-2 carrier mods, plans for carrier qualifications tests on the USS Ranger, 29 February and following, and to give him a glimpse into the future about how we might make use of the U-2 carrier version, once the capability is established. Present at the meeting in Admiral Thach's office were, in addition to Thach and Collieran, Captain John Fair, USN OP 506, and Rear Admiral W. F. Bringle, USN, Chief of Aviation Plans for Admiral Thach.

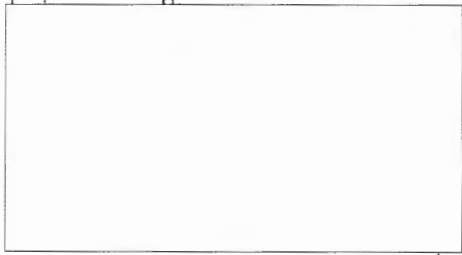
2. I briefly summarized the plan to date, and told Admiral Thach of our initial carrier arrestments at Edwards AFB and our success, and with Collieran's assistance filled him in on planning for the Ranger operation (Whale Tale II) at the end of the month. I said that if everything went well we might have a two plane U-2 G capability shortly after the first of March.

3. I then enumerated some of the various intelligence requirements which might well be fulfilled by the use of the U-2 G in the carrier operation, beginning 15 March or thereabouts. Specifically these were:



- a. Reconnaissance of the French atomic testing grounds in the South Pacific Ocean.
- b. Reconnaissance of Yemen and possibly the UAR, whether as one operation or two, from a carrier in the Indian Ocean.
- c. Reconnaissance of SEA from the South China Sea.

In discussing the above I noted to Admiral Thach that we had advised Admiral Felt last week of our carrier capability and, that following instructions



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relayed to him through our COS in Honolulu, Admiral Felt had sent a message to Admiral Thach acknowledging the briefing and requesting information on the logistics aspects of the U-2 G carrier version. I gave a copy of this message to Admiral Thach in the meeting and he indicated that he would soon have answers to the questions, which he would relay to Felt via our channel once more.

4. Thach said that, in view of the publicity which would attend the movement of the Indian Ocean Task Force, he felt it might be better to meet any commitments in that area by detaching what he called the "South China Sea carriers" to do the job as an individual, and presumably less public, capability. In addition to the possible tasks which I enumerated to Thach above, I mentioned that it might well be feasible to consider the use of one of the heavy attack carriers in the 6th fleet in the Mediterranean as our potential base of emergency operations in that area as called out in COMOP-D-10/15 of 3 February 1964 wherein a statement was made that such a capability for basing U-2 operations against targets in the Middle East should be brought to term.

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[REDACTED] Admiral Thach said he was certain this was the subject of his lunch meeting with Dr. Fubini on 11 February. In summary, the meeting was extremely pleasant and there appeared to be no question that Thach would be willing to support any request for directed employment of the carrier capability.

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JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
Deputy Assistant Director
(Special Activities)

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THIS MESSAGE IN V PARTS.

PART I: WHALE TALE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED FOLLOWS:

18 AUG- LT COL DOYLE, LT COL MCCARTHY, MAJ CHERBONNEAUX, LT CMDR HUBER, MR JOHNSON, [] MET WITH CAPT CARMODY, COMMANDING OFFICER USS KITTY HAWK AND HIS STAFF TO ARRANGE FOR FORTHCOMING CARRIER LANDING QUALIFICATIONS.

23-27 AUG- FIELD CARRIER LANDING PRACTICE COMMENCES WITH PILOTS PIANUCCI, ECROYD, BERTHEAT, UTILIZING ARTICLE 348. EACH PILOT IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF 5 PERIODS, ACCUMULATING APPROXIMATELY 45 LANDINGS.

30 AUG- LT CMDR HUBER WILL CONDUCT SHIPBOARD BRIEFING FOR ALL PERSONNEL EMPLOYING ON CARRIER OPERATION.

31 AUG- EACH PILOT RECEIVE ONE REFRESHER PERIOD FIELD CARRIER LANDING PRACTICE.

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2 SEPT- USS KITTY HAWK TO ARRIVE IN PORT FOR LOADING ABOARD PERSONNEL AND

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. SHIP WILL DEPART FOR OPERATING AREA TO COMMENCE CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS. ARTICLE 348 WILL LAUNCH FROM CACTUS WITH PILOT PIANUCCI TO RENDEZVOUS WITH SHIP AT PRE-DETERMINED POSITION. QUALIFICATIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SUNSET. THE SHIP WILL REMAIN AT SEA WITH ALL PERSONNEL STAYING ABOARD. ARTICLE WILL BE TAKEN BELOW AND STOWED ON THE HANGER DECK.

3 SEPT-CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS TO CONTINUE UNTIL EACH PILOT HAS COMPLETED FOUR ARRESTED LANDINGS. ARTICLE WILL FERRY TO CACTUS AT COMPLETION OF EXERCISE. SHIP WILL RETURN TO PORT FOR OFF LOADING OF PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.

4 SEPT- PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT RETURN TO CACTUS.

PART II- APPROXIMATELY 35 CACTUS PERSONNEL WILL GO ABOARD THE KITTY HAWK.

SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THIS EXERCISE, HOWEVER, IT IS CONSIDERED DESIREABLE TO TAKE THEM ALONG FOR PURPOSES OF ORIENTATION. SOME PEOPLE WILL BE ALONG FOR PURPOSES OF SUSTAINING INTEREST AND MORALE. NO PHOTO OR DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS WILL BE TAKEN. HOWEVER, REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE SYSTEMS WILL GO ABOARD FOR ORIENTATION PURPOSES.

PART III- COMMAND CONTROL DURING CARRIER LANDING QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE

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HUBER; LSO PLATFORM

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PART IV- MAINTENANCE WILL BE CAPABLE OF NORMAL DETACHMENT LEVEL SERVICE

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PART V- WE WILL TAKE ABOARD OUR OWN FUEL TRUCK PLUS THE PORTABLE FUEL SYSTEM. ALL REFUELING OF ARTICLE DURING THIS EXERCISE WILL BE FROM THE FUEL TRUCK. TESTING AND EVALUATIONS WILL BE MADE WITH THE PORTABLE FUEL SYSTEM AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO DETERMINE SUITABILITY, FEASIBILITY, POSITIONING AND HAZARDS, IF ANY.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT : Additional Conversation with Captain Martin D. Carmody, USN,
on 15 July**

1. Closing out our several discussions of 15 July, Captain Carmody called to advise me that he had spoken to Rear Admiral C. E. Weakley, USN, Deputy Director of Research and Development for the Navy, who controls the fortunes of ONR (Office of Naval Research) about the carrier training operations for which the classified code name of WHALE TALE has been assigned.

2. Captain Carmody said that Admiral Weakley, who is Deputy to Vice Admiral Rayburn, seemed to be quite willing to lend the good name of ONR to the training exercise on the KITTY HAWK next month. The plan would be that the aircraft would be suitably marked with lettering and/or ONR decals before it was hoisted aboard the carrier in North Island. Personnel of the launch party would be attributed to ONR and might even wear appropriate name plates. Captain Carmody has proposed to Admiral Weakley [redacted] OP-07T12, within the R & D [redacted] of contact for support on matters involving the projected Security Staff, OGA, should check with Commander [redacted] the clearances for Admiral Weakley and [redacted] cannot get together with [redacted] shortly to flesh out [redacted] is described as an old friend and working toward L. Green of Eastman Kodak, and it is likely that his [redacted] required in the longer term carrier solution as it deals with [redacted] of an on-board photographic laboratory facility.

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Deputy Assistant Director
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15 July 1963

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MEMORANDUM FOR : AFIGO-S
Headquarters, USAF

ATTENTION : Colonel Leo P. Geary

SUBJECT : Carrier Launch Capability for U-2 Aircraft

1. As you are aware, this organization has been studying for some time the feasibility of adapting one or two U-2 aircraft to carrier operations, including the launching and retrieval of the aircraft from certain adequate United States Navy carriers of the CVA or attack class. Visits have been made in the last two months to Navy Air Training Command, Pensacola, where the USS LEXINGTON (CVS) was inspected for adequacy, and later to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where the USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA) was visited for the same purpose. Engineering studies based in part on earlier efforts in this direction made by Kelly Johnson at our request and subsequently for SAC have also been undertaken by Lockheed. A final Staff Study on the operational feasibility of modifying two aircraft for carrier use is presently in work and will be submitted to the DCI shortly for his views and approval. If approval is forthcoming, we are hopeful that by early 1964 a capability of this sort will be attained.

2. As an interim measure, however, it became apparent that it would be possible in meeting certain high-priority covert collection requirements to launch from a CVA class carrier and retrieve at a land base somewhere within range. Accordingly, the undersigned suggested to the DDCI in a staff paper that if national requirements dictated the coverage of certain critical Middle Eastern intelligence targets, consideration should be given to a covert launch from a Sixth Fleet CVA carrier with retrieval at a land base such as Malta. While subsequent events have made this Middle Eastern coverage less critical,

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the DCI has directed that we undertake to check out the carrier launch and land retrieve capability as soon as possible so that it will represent a capability in being between now and the achievement of a complete launch and retrieve envelope next year. The only mechanical problem standing between ourselves and the conduct of such a checkout of a launch from the carrier is the completion of fabrication by Lockheed of an inexpensive hoisting sling for the U-2 aircraft and the fabrication of a fuselage cart which will permit side casting movement of the aircraft from the elevator to the hangar deck and from the hangar deck to the flight deck. Several of our Edwards' pilots were checked out last month in simulated U-2 takeoffs from the USS INDEPENDENCE conducted in Navy TF aircraft which has analogous dimensions and approximates the takeoff speeds of the U-2. It was their unanimous opinion that takeoff would be no problem indeed.

3. In the course of this preliminary feasibility investigation, we have been dealing with Captain Martin D. Carmody, USN, OP-506 in the Pentagon. The DNI and the Chief of Naval Support have also been aware of these on-site investigations, and the latter officer has also furnished engineering advisory personnel to Kelly Johnson to aid in this aspect of the study. A check with Captain Carmody reveals that a training takeoff can be arranged for some time during the period 3 through 16 August 1963 on the USS KITTY HAWK, which during that period will be in a training status without its air carrier group aboard operating from San Diego, California. Launch and retrieval communications for this operation would be handled through the carrier's SSB facility, and only a minimum launch party would be aboard for a single day. Present plans are that the aircraft used for this training exercise would be marked with FAA experimental numbers and Lockheed proprietary insignia. We are, therefore, making preliminary plans to accommodate this training mission with a recovery at Edwards Air Force Base, following a launch at sea during this period. It is anticipated that this schedule can be accommodated in such a way as to involve no change in the normal training regime of the USS KITTY HAWK and, therefore, it is Captain Carmody's view that JCS concurrence is not a requisite.

4. It would be appreciated, however, if you would be good enough to generally advise the Acting D/NRO of the contemplated training operation and

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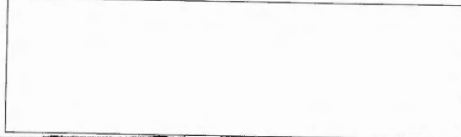
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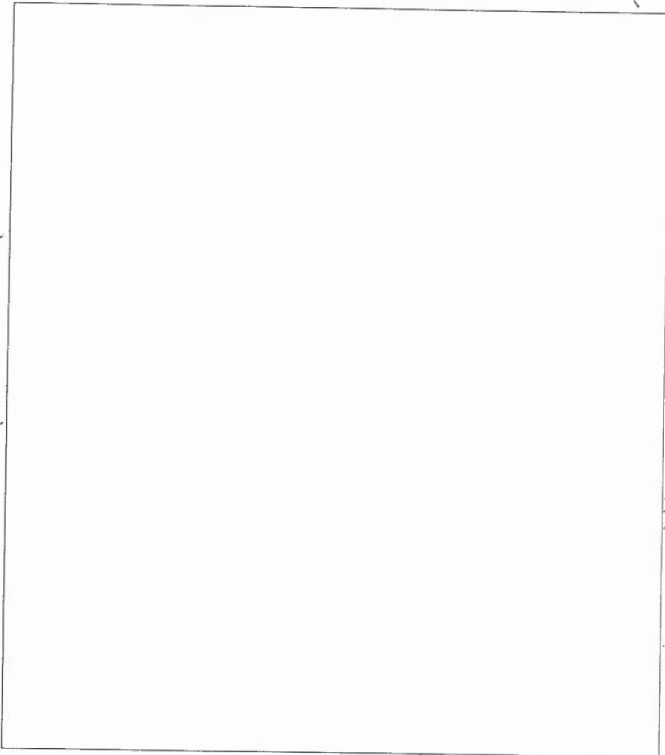
to communicate with us promptly if it is his view that further top level coordination is required.

FOR THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RESEARCH):



By

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V. COVER PLAN

This mission will utilize the same cover plan previously coordinated for WHALE TALE THREE. This plan is summarized as follows:

A. Objectives:

1. To conceal the ultimate objective; i. e., the photographic reconnaissance mission of carrier based U-2's.
2. To conceal intelligence community (and particularly C. I. A.) interest and/or participation in the development of an operational capability and ultimate utilization of carrier-based U-2's.
3. To limit, to the greatest extent possible, public knowledge and news media exploitation of carrier-based U-2 training flights.

B. General Cover Plan:

The classified cover story will, in general, be that the Office of Naval Research under a contractual arrangement with the Lockheed Aircraft Company for support, is engaged in a series of classified tests to determine the adaptability and suitability of the U-2 for launchings from various types of carriers, of which the RANGER (CVA-61) is only one. This training mission is the second phase of a program which it is

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hoped will ultimately culminate in the development of highly sophisticated long-range, high altitude infra-red submarine detection capability with special emphasis on the detection of nuclear-powered submarines. The U-2 was selected for this mission because of its altitude and endurance performance which would permit virtually simultaneous coverage of vast areas of the ocean. The details of the program and the degree of success achieved are classified because of the obvious far-reaching implications of the program with relation to the deployment and surveillance of hostile missile equipped submarines.

C. Implementation:

1. The U-2 will have stenciled on its vertical stabilizer the words "Office of Naval Research". This will be in addition to the normal tail number. The same legend will also be stenciled on both sides of the fuselage under the canopy, and, if available, ONR decals will be affixed as appropriate.

2. Shortly after departure of the carrier, the Captain will, in whatever manner he deems appropriate, advise all carrier personnel of the classified cover story as set forth in Paragraph II above. He will state that this mission is the third phase of the training program, to determine the feasibility of rapid deployment, of the carrier based U-2

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capability to distant areas under simulated combat conditions. He will stress the desire of the Office of Naval Research to maintain strict security in this program and will caution against any discussion or disclosure of these activities with unauthorized persons. He will also point out the possibility that news media could conceivably become aware of the presence of the U-2 on the carrier and speculate in print on its mission. This might, in turn, result in a Navy Department response if deemed advisable. Such a statement, he should note, would not in any way relieve them of their obligation to refrain from any discussion of the program with unauthorized persons.

3. Incidents arising, such as press inquiries or speculative articles appearing in or reported by the various news media, will not in themselves be sufficient cause for public responses. If such queries are received by any governmental agency or representative, he will disclaim any knowledge of the project other than that it is a project being conducted by the Office of Naval Research and suggest that all inquiries should be addressed to the ONR.

4. The Office of the Chief of Naval Information of the ONR in response to inquiries will initially state that he will have to investigate before issuing a statement. Such inquiries will immediately be reported

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to the Head, Planning Requirements Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and to the Asst. Director (or Deputy Assistant Director), Office of Special Activities, DD/S&T, CIA. After coordination with the Ad Hoc Cover Committee, and if it is considered necessary and desirable, the Information Officer, ONR, will be authorized to issue a statement which will, in substance, acknowledge that the ONR is engaged in tests to determine the feasibility of handling and launching U-2 type aircraft from an aircraft carrier. If the tests are successful, the U-2 will then be used for experimental tests of submarine detection equipment. The Lockheed Aircraft Corp., under a contractual arrangement with ONR, is providing support for the project. Further details of the project are classified.

D. Forced Landing or Incident:

In the event of a forced landing or other incident which might require an explanation of his mission by the pilot, he will adhere to the classified cover story described in Paragraph II. This explanation will be given only to the ranking authority at the facility involved whether it be American or alien, and the pilot will request that it be treated as classified information. Any further queries will be handled in accordance with Paragraphs III C and D above with the exception that if another

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country is involved, any official public statement will be issued by the State Department after coordination with the Contingency Planning Committee.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project WHALE TALE

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1. The undersigned along with Colonels Songer and Martens arrived on the Kitty Hawk approximately 1400 on Sunday, 4 August 1963 where we were met by Captain Carmody. Preliminary arrangements were made for loading the U-2 onto the carrier. The carnival which was then in progress was situated some three hundred yards from the carrier; however, a warehouse prevented direct visual observation between the carnival and the point where the U-2 was to be loaded aboard.

2. At approximately 1645 same date, the undersigned, along with Colonels Songer and Martens, Captains Carmody and Duncan repaired to the North Island Control Tower where we observed the U-2 land without incident or fanfare at 1658. The U-2 taxied to the far end of the airport where it was secured in a controlled area which precluded visual observation from the populous portion of the naval base.

3. At approximately 0200 on Monday, 5 August, the U-2 was towed to the side of the carrier after floodlights along the way had been turned off. There was a minimum of activity in the general area of the carrier at this time and after being secured to her sling, the U-2 was hoisted to the flight deck of the carrier. As soon as possible thereafter she was pushed onto the starboard aft elevator and lowered into the hangar. Through arrangements laid on by Captain Carmody those San Diego base personnel who assisted in moving the U-2 (fire chief, SP's, crane operator, etc.) were briefed in general terms as to the sensitivity of the ONR exercise and were admonished not to discuss same with anyone. Shortly after getting underway on the morning of 5 August, Mr. Cunningham, Captain Carmody, the Carrier's Executive Officer and the undersigned got together and worked out the announcement which Captain Epes was to make. Before the announcement, however, it was deemed appropriate to have Captain Epes notify the crew

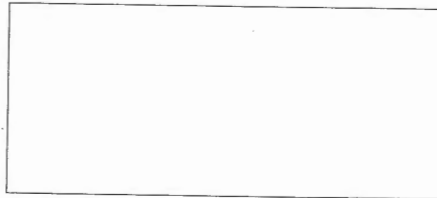
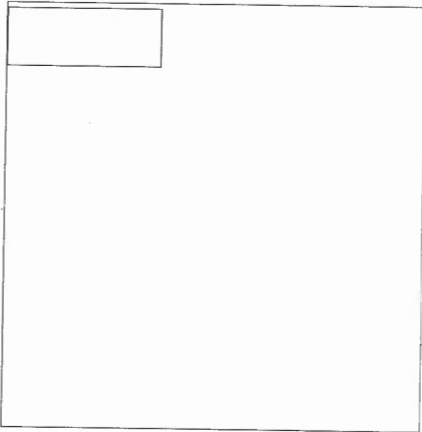
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that no personal photographs were to be taken. This was done. Later in the morning after complimenting the crew on the splendid job they were doing, the Captain announced the purpose and sensitivity of the operation pursuant to the original cover story. Somewhat after the launch and shortly before docking, Captain Epes again, over the PA system, reminded the crew of their responsibility and in discussing the operation.

4. It is the undersign's opinion that the security of this operation was excellent and its success can be attributed directly and indirectly to Captain Carmody.



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WHALE TALE

U-2 Corvett Operation

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS MSG IS ~~TO CONFIRM~~ COORDINATION, ACTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIRCRAFT LAUNCH FROM THE KITTY HAWK.

2. CLASSIFIED COVER STORY FOR DISSEMINATION ONLY AMONG PERSONNEL DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH PROJECT WHALE TALE FOLLOWS:

A. "THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH UNDER A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CO. FOR SUPPORT, IS ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF CLASSIFIED TESTS TO DETERMINE THE ADAPTABILITY AND SUITABILITY OF THE U-2 FOR LAUNCHINGS FROM VARIOUS TYPES OF CARRIERS, OF WHICH THE KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) IS ONLY ONE. THESE LAUNCH TESTS ARE THE FIRST PHASE OF A PROGRAM WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL ULTIMATELY CULMINATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED LONG RANGE, HIGH ALTITUDE INFRA-RED SUBMARINE DETECTION CAPABILITY WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE DETECTION OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES. THE U-2 WAS SELECTED FOR THIS MISSION BECAUSE OF ITS ALTITUDE AND ENDURANCE PERFORMANCE WHICH WOULD PERMIT VIRTUALLY SIMULTANEOUS COVERAGE OF VAST AREAS OF THE

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OCEAN. THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM AND THE DEGREE OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED ARE CLASSIFIED BECAUSE OF THE OBVIOUS FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROGRAM WITH RELATION TO THE DEPLOYMENT AND SURVEILLANCE OF HOSTILE MISSILE EQUIPPED SUBMARINES". (END OF STORY.)

3. PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM BURBANK, THE U-2 WILL HAVE STENCILED ON ITS VERTICAL STABILIZER THE WORDS "OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH". THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL TAIL NUMBER. THE SAME LEGEND WILL ALSO BE STENCILED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FUSELAGE UNDER THE CANOPY, AND, IF AVAILABLE, ONR DECALS WILL BE AFFIXED AS APPROPRIATE.

A. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE FITTED WITH A PLAIN HATCH PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM BURBANK AND AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CARRIER OPERATION.

B. SHORTLY AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE CARRIER FROM NORTH ISLAND, THE CAPTAIN WILL, IN WHATEVER MANNER HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE, ADVISE ALL CARRIER PERSONNEL OF THE CLASSIFIED COVER STORY AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH ^{2A}~~1~~, ABOVE. HE WILL STRESS THE DESIRE OF THE OFFICE OF ^{COORDINATING OFFICERS}

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NAVAL RESEARCH TO MAINTAIN STRICT SECURITY IN THIS PROGRAM AND WILL CAUTION AGAINST ANY DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE OF THESE ACTIVITIES WITH UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. HE WILL ALSO POINT OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEWS MEDIA COULD CONCEIVABLY BECOME AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE U-2 ON THE CARRIER AND SPECULATE IN PRINT ON ITS MISSION. THIS MIGHT, IN TURN, RESULT IN A NAVY DEPARTMENT RESPONSE IF DEEMED ADVISABLE. SUCH A STATEMENT, HE SHOULD NOTE, WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY RELIEVE THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO REFRAIN FROM ANY DISCUSSION OF THE PROGRAM WITH UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.

C. INCIDENTS ARISING, SUCH AS PRESS INQUIRIES OR SPECULATIVE ARTICLES APPEARING IN OR REPORTED BY THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA, WILL NOT IN THEMSELVES BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR PUBLIC RESPONSES. IF SUCH QUERIES ARE RECEIVED BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR REPRESENTATIVE, HE WILL DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROJECT OTHER THAN THAT ^{IT} IS A PROJECT BEING CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH AND SUGGEST THAT ALL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INFORMATION.

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D. THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INFORMATION ~~OFFICE~~ IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES WILL INITIALLY STATE THAT HE WILL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE BEFORE ISSUING A STATEMENT. SUCH INQUIRIES WILL IMMEDIATELY BE REPORTED TO THE HEAD, PLANNING REQUIREMENTS BRANCH, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, AND TO THE ASST. DIRECTOR (OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR), OFFICE OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, DD/R, CIA. AFTER COORDINATION WITH THE AD HOC COVER COMMITTEE, AND IF IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE, THE ^{OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INFORMATION} ~~INFORMATION OFFICER, ONR,~~ WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT WHICH WILL, IN SUBSTANCE, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ONR IS ENGAGED IN TESTS TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF HANDLING AND LAUNCHING U-2 TYPE AIRCRAFT FROM AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER. IF THE TESTS ARE SUCCESSFUL, THE U-2 WILL THEN BE USED FOR EXPERIMENTAL TESTS OF SUBMARINE DETECTION EQUIPMENT. THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP., UNDER A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH ONR, IS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT. FURTHER DETAILS OF THE PROJECT ARE CLASSIFIED.

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4. THROUGH PRIOR MEETINGS AND COORDINATION THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIONS HAVE BEEN ^{ASSUMED} ~~APPROVED~~ BY KWBEIGE:

A. PROVIDE:

1. U-2 AND PILOT.
2. U-2 DOLLY AND LOW BOY.
3. FUEL TRUCK AND FUEL.
4. GRND CREW, STARTER, EQUIP, AND SPARE PARTS.

B. RESPONSIBLE FOR:

1. POSITIONING U-2 DOLLY AND LOW BOY AT NORTH ISLAND IN SECURE AREA.
2. POSITIONING FUEL TRUCK W/FUEL AT NORTH ISLAND IN SECURE AREA.
3. FERRY FLT OF U-2 TO NI AND RETURN LAC.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. CARRIER CALL SIGN WILL BE "CROSS FIRE".
- B. U-2 CALL SIGN WILL BE "CROSS FIRE 56".

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C. T/O FREQ - 258.6 MCS.

D. IMMEDIATELY AFTER T/O SWITCH TO APP AND DEP CTL FREQ 325.0, 283.4, 368.2 OR 387.4 AS COORDINATED PRIOR TO T/O.

E. U-2 WILL BE CONTROLLED BY "CROSS FIRE" WITHIN 100 NM AT WHICH TIME CONTACT WILL BE MADE WITH LOCKHEED (BURBANK) ON APPROPRIATE UHF FREQ.

F. KITTY HAWK WILL MONITOR SSB FREQ OF 6723.0 KCS WHICH ALSO WILL BE MONITORED BY EDWARDS AFB. AT THE 100NM PT EDWARDS WILL MONITOR 6750.0 KCS.

G. KITTY HAWK HAS TACAN (CH 1 - ALPHA, DELTA). LF HOMER BEACON ON 532 KCS AND UHF HOMER BEACON ON 272.2 MCS.

6. CLEARANCE PROCEDURES:

A. FOR U-2 DEP FROM LAC FILE NORMAL FLT PLN TO NORTH ISLAND.

B. DO NOT FILE A FLT PLN FOR KITTY HAWK LAUNCH AND RETURN TO LAC BURBANK. FORWARD HQS COORDINATES, HEADING AND APPROX TIME OF ADIZ PENETRATION; HQS WILL COORDINATE RADAR SUPPRESSION WITH NORAD. REQ LAC ALERT BURBANK TWR AS TO APPROX ARRIVAL OF U-2.

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A. HQS:

- 1. LT. COL. DE. SONGER
- 2. J. A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
- 3. LT. COL. V. E. WICKMAN
- 4.
- 5. LT. COL. KENNETH MARTENS
- 6. MAJ. A. GRIMES

B. EDWARDS:*

- 1. Lt. COL. W. GREGORY
- 2. LT. COL. J. KUTTLER
- 3. MR. PREWIT
- 4. MR. JOHNSON
- 5. MR. J. BARNES
- 6. MR. URIE

*(ADDED PERSONNEL WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT NORTH ISLAND FOR CARRIER SURVEY AT LATER DATE).

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- 3. F. A. CAVANAUGH
- 4. L. E. SAKALA
- 5. L. GAVETTE
- 6. I. H. JOHNSON
- 7. R. BEECHEL
- 8. L. FLYNN
- 9. J. WEIS

D. FOR ~~SAFT~~ ~~CRASH~~ EDWARDS

HQS REQUESTS LT/CDR JOHN J HUBER BE ABOARD CARRIER DURING PROJECT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- A. LAC WILL HAVE NECESSARY EQUIP AND FUEL TRUCK W/FUEL IN PLACE N ISLAND FOR LOADING NLT 4 AUG 1700L.
- B. 4 AUG - U-2 ARRIVE N ISLAND JUST PRIOR NAS OFFICIAL SUNSET TIME.
- C. 4 AUG - LOAD U-2 AND EQUIP.
- D. 5/0730 - CARRIER DEPART NI.
- E. 5/1030 - U-2 LAUNCH.

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F. 5/APPROX 1230L - U-2 ARRIVE LAC, BURBANK.

G. PARTICIPATING PERSONNEL AND OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE N ISLAND FOR CARRIER BOARDING 4 AUG AFTER 1300L.

9. THRU LAC, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING BE FORWARDED TO HQS. ASAP AFTER COMPLETION OF PROJECT WHALE TALE.

A. COMPLETE SET OF MOVIES AND STILLS.

B. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF PROJECT WHALE TALE TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(1) WHAT WERE DIFFICULTIES (IF ANY) ENCOUNTERED DURING LOADING?

(2) WHAT WERE DIFFICULTIES (IF ANY) ENCOUNTERED DURING A/C MOVEMENT FROM "DOLLY" TO "LOWBOY" AND FROM DECK TO HANGAR?

(3) FACTORS BEARING ON PILOTS ABILITY TO MAINTAIN DESIRED PATH DURING TAKEOFF.

(4) POGO DROP OFF AND STOP POINT.

(5) AFTER REMOVAL OF PLATE ON TOP OF DECK LANDING LIGHTS HOW FAR IS PROTRUSION ABOVE DECK? WHAT WILL BE EFFECT ON A/C

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IF GEAR TRAVERSES PROTRUSION ON T/O OR LANDING?

(6) WHAT WAS ACTUAL T/O DIST IN COMPARISON TO COMPUTED T/O DIST.

(7) WHAT EFFECT DOES AIRFLOW OVER BOW HAVE ON TAKE-OFF PATH?

10. ASAP AFTER TEST SCHUMACHER BRIEF CACTUS PILOTS ON FINDINGS RE PILOT TECHNIQUES SO CACTUS PILOTS CAN CARRY ON WITH DEVELOPEMENT OF OPERATIONAL PRACTICES.

11. SEVERAL LOW APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE TO SEEK MAX DATA ON TYPE OF APPROACH TO BE RECOMMENDED. FIND OUT WHETHER LSO OR MIRROR SYSTEM OR COMBINATION OF BOTH IS BEST FOR U-2. FIRST APPROACH SHOULD BE NO LOWER THAN 200 FT WITH SUCCESSIVE APPROACHES DECREASING ALTITUDE DOWN TO NEAR TOUCH AND GO. HQS HAS NO OBJECTION TO TRYING AN ACTUAL TOUCH AND GO LANDING IF, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE PILOT AFTER SEVERAL APPROACHES, IT APPEARS FEASIBLE.

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FROM HONOLULU

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REF ADIC 0341

PASS TO DCNO AIR (VADM THACH) FROM FELT.

1. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENT OF CAPABILITY TO OPERATE U-2 ACFT FROM CARRIERS. CAS WASH DC HAS INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF COVERING HIGH PRIORITY TARGETS FROM THE CVA WHICH MAKES INDIAN OCEAN CRUISE. TESTS TO DATE LEAD CAS TO PREFER LARGE CARRIER OVER ESSEX CONVERSION. CAS REPORTS THEY HOPE FOR OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY PRIOR TO 1 APR BUT NOT BEFORE 15 MAR.

2. THERE IS NO APPROVED ITINERARY FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN CRUISE. I AM AWAITING FURTHER DIRECTIVE FROM THE JCS. HOWEVER, I AM THINKING OF A FIRST CRUISE INVOLVING BONNIE DICK (THE SOUTHERN CVA) AND SOME ADDITIONAL 7TH FLT SHIPS. DEPARTURE FROM SUBIC WOULD BE 5 MAR. DURATION OF CRUISE FROM PORTAL TO PORTAL WOULD BE 30-40 DAYS, DEPENDING ON ITINERARY FOR PORT CALLS. CHANCES ARE THAT TWO DEMONSTRATIONS AT SEA WILL BE LAID ON FOR FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

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3. YOU CAN BE HELPFUL BY PROVIDING ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A. HAVE YOU RUN ANY STUDIES ON AIR GROUP COMPOSITION FOR EACH CLASS CARRIER WITH U-2 ENBARKED? IF SO, WHAT WERE RESULTS?
- B. DO YOU CONTEMPLATE LOADING MORE THAN ONE U-2 ON BOARD?
- C. WHAT ARE HANDLING AND SPOTTING CRITERIA FOR U-2 OPS?
- D. CAN BONNIE DICK HANDLE?
- E. HOW ABOUT MIDWAY?
- F. WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL FUEL STORAGE?

4. I DO NOT RPT NOT LOOK FAVORABLY ON ANY PROPOSAL THAT AIR GROUP BE THINNED OUT TO ACCOMMODATE THE U-2 SPECIAL UNIT DURING 7TH FLT TASK FORCE CRUISE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. IF SPECIAL TAILORING OF THE AIR GROUP IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PERFORM A SPECIAL MISSION TO COVER CRITICAL TARGETS, WE COULD LAY ON A QUICK RUN IN-AND-OUT OPERATION FOR THIS TASK ONLY.

5. RELATED SUBJECT. REQUEST MORE INFO THAN HAS BEEN GIVEN ME BY CAS ON CARRIER LANDING BY C-130 ACFT.

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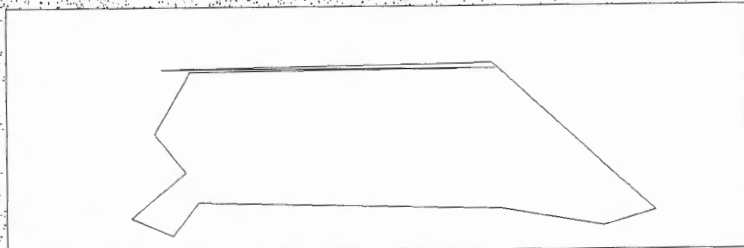
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PER CITED REF, SAME COVER AND PROCEDURES WILL APPLY FOR FORTHCOMING WHALE TALE TWO TRAINING AT MONTEREY NAF.

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* REF SET FORTH COVER STORY TO BE FOLLOWED FOR U.S. DRIVERS AND KWCROWNS DURING CARRIER TRAINING AT MONTEREY AND PENSACOLA.

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 S E C R E T / THIS IS A [redacted] MESSAGE/HANDLE VIA BYEMAN CONTROL SYSTEM/PROJECT IDEALIST/WHALE TALE TWO [redacted] CITE OPCEN 3154

1. IN THE FORTHCOMING TRAINING PHASE AT MONTEREY NAF CAPT. MUNK, CO, WILL BE BRIEFED 1-3.
2. [redacted] PILOTS, WHEN NECESSARY, WILL REPRESENT SELVES AS NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING OFFICERS ON TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY ENGAGED IN PROFICIENCY FLIGHT TRAINING. [redacted] PILOTS, WHEN NECESSARY, WILL REPRESENT SELVES AS [redacted] OFFICERS RECENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AT MONTEREY AND TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO MONTEREY NAF TO MAINTAIN FLIGHT PROFICIENCY.
3. IN THE EVENT OF AN INCIDENT INCLUDING ACCIDENTS OR BAIL OUTS RESULTING IN PRESS INQUIRIES, ALL QUERIES WILL BE MADE TO CAPT. MUNK WHO WILL BE BRIEFED ON APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED.

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CARRIER STAGING

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FOR FRED CAVANAUGH FROM JIM CUNNINGHAM

1. [] MATERIAL IS BEING SENT TO YOU AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY REGISTERED AND WILL DEPART WASHINGTON TOMORROW A. M. WHICH MEANS IT WILL ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES SATURDAY.

2. CAPTAIN CARMODY HAS NOT YET OBTAINED SHIP'S BLUEPRINTS HE HAD INDICATED WERE TO BE IN HAND THIS WEEK. THESE WILL, HOWEVER, BE FORTHCOMING HE ASSURES ME. IN PLACE OF THESE, HOWEVER, HE HAS FOLLOWING INFO ON SLOPE ANGLE FROM ELEVATOR FLOOR TO HANGAR DECK AND ON OPENING IN SHIP'S SIDE MATCHING UP WITH ELEVATOR:

A. SLOPE ANGLE IS SIX DEGREES WITH FIVE INCHES FALLOFF IN FOUR FEET OF LATERAL TRAVEL.

B. HANGAR DECK OPENING DIMENSIONS AS FOLLOWS: AT ONE FOOT ABOVE RAMP LEVEL 48 FEET 8 INCHES; AT TWO FEET ABOVE RAMP LEVEL 52 FEET 6 INCHES; AT THREE FEET ABOVE RAMP LEVEL 55 FEET 2 INCHES; AT

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FOUR FEET ABOVE RAMP LEVEL 57 FEET 3 INCHES.

C. NO. FOUR ELEVATOR DIMENSIONS ON CARRIERS 59 THRU 62 (INDEPENDENCE IS 62) ARE 63 FEET WIDE BY 52 FEET OUTBOARD, IN CVA'S 63, 64 AND 65, DIMENSIONS ARE 70 FEET WIDE BY 52 FEET OUTBOARD.

3. THINGS ARE MOVING ~~STAGNANT~~ ^{PROBABLE} TOWARD ACTUAL DEMONSTRATION OF CARRIER LAUNCH CAPABILITY ON TRAINING BASIS FROM CARRIER AT APPROXIMATELY END FIRST WEEK AUGUST. DIRECTOR HAS INSTRUCTED US TO COORDINATE THIS TRAINING DEMONSTRATION WITH D/NRO AND THRU HIM TO JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WHO WILL INSTRUCT NAVY TO MAKE CARRIER AVAILABLE. GENERAL PLAN WOULD BE TO LOAD U-2 ABOARD CARRIER AFTER LANDING AT LANGLEY ^{F AFB} TO BE HOISTED ABOARD IN MID-STREAM OFF NORFOLK FROM BARGE IN CHANNEL AND TO BE LAUNCHED FROM CARRIER AFTER ONE DAY'S STEAMING INTO ATLANTIC WITH POST-STRIKE RECOVERY AT BASE TO BE SELECTED ON EAST COAST. LAUNCH PARTY WOULD THEN RETURN TO OCEANA NAS AT NORFOLK BY COD ACFT. WE HAVE NOT FULLY PLANNED THIS OPERATION BUT

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AM TELLING YOU THIS MUCH IN ORDER THAT (A) YOU CAN POST KELLY ON IT,
 AND (B) MAKE ALL HASTE POSSIBLE ON LIFTING SLING AND SIDE CASTERING
 FUSELAGE CART ARRANGEMENT. PILOT FOR FIRST LAUNCH IN THIS FASHION
 WOULD BE CHOSEN FROM CACTUS DETACHMENT AND WOULD PRESUMABLY BE
 MARTY KNUTSON,

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JAMES R. CONNOR, JR.
DAD/OSA

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TO: CACTUS INFO GTF ADIC 5077
RECITAL-X WHALE TALE FOUR
OPERATIONS PLAN

1. FYI AND PLANNING PURPOSES ADIC NOW INITIATING PLANS FOR A PROGRAM OF CARRIER QUALIFICATION AND REQUALIFICATION OF KWGLITTERS U-2G. PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH WITH USN, A CONTINUOUS CAPABILITY KWGLITTER CURRENCY IN THIS PHASE OF U-2 OPNS BY USING ACFT CARRIERS THAT ARE OPERATING IN SO CALIF WATERS, BUT INTERFERING TO A MUCH LESSER DEGREE WITH THE CARRIER SCHEDULES, AS WAS THE CASE IN THE WHALE TALE THREE OPN.

2. BASIC PLAN IS THAT THE U-2'S WOULD BE LAUNCHED FROM KWCACTUS, PROCEED TO THE SHIP AND COMPLETE THE KWGLITTER QUALS (FOUR TOUCH AND GO'S PLUS TWO TRAPPED LANDINGS), REFUELED USING THE SHIP'S JP5 AND RELAUNCHED TO EDWARDS. APPROX SHIP TIE-UP TIME REQUIRED FOR ONE SORTIE TO COMPLETE THE PILOT QUAL WOULD BE ONE HOUR. SORTIES OF THIS TYPE WOULD BE LAUNCHED DAILY OR AS NEAR DAILY AS POSSIBLE, CONSISTENT WITH THE CARRIER AVAILABILITY AND WX CONDITIONS, AND WOULD SCHEDULE TO INTERMIX WITH WHATEVER

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OTHER FLYING (USN) IS SCHEDULED THAT PARTICULAR DAY.

3. FOLG ARE INITIAL DETAILS OF THE METHOD OF OPERATIONS: (MORE SPECIFIC INFO WILL BE INCLUDED IN SUBSEQUENT OPS ORDERS).

A. THE FIRST STEP IN THE INITIATION OF AN OPN OF THIS TYPE WOULD BE THE PREPOSITIONING ABOARD THE SELECTED CARRIER OF THE SPECIAL LANDING WIRES, SPARE PARTS, ETC., AND AT THE SAME TIME THE SECURITY BRIEFING OF THE SHIP'S CAPT AND SELECTED CREW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THE COORD OF DETAILS OF OPN, I.E., CALL SIGNS, FREQS, ETC.

B. NEXT WOULD BE THE ESTABLISHMENT, BY ADIC AND USN, OF THE U-2/CARRIER WEEKLY SCHEDULED PERIODS (AFTERNOONS PREFERRED) AND A METHOD OF COMMO, BY KWCACTUS AND FLEET HQ) TO CONFIRM DAILY THE VALIDITY OF THE SCHED TIMES.

C. ON THE MORNING OF A SCHED U-2 SORTIE, A NAVY ~~ACFT~~ ^{TF} WOULD PICK UP AT KWCACTUS THE LSO, OPNS OFFICER AND SELECTED GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR ~~ACFT~~ ^{COD} TO THE SHIP.

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PARA 1. HAVE RECEIVED THE INTERESTING MISSION DIRECTIVE FOR WHALE TALE/TWO AND REF A REGARDING CHANGES IN CARRIER TRAINING SCHEDULES.

PARA 2. FYI WE HAVE DISCARDED THE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED COVER STORY CONCERNING TEST PILOTS DETACHED FROM [] (REF B PARA 3) AS ITS USE TO COVER CARRIER INCIDENT WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO REPERCUSSIONS THIS END.

PARA 3. IN DRAFTING A PLAUSIBLE COVER STORY WE HAVE AIMED AT PRODUCING A STORY WHICH WOULD EMBRACE BOTH THE CARRIER PHASE OF TRAINING AND THE FUTURE CARRIER BORNE OPERATIONAL PHASE. BOTH THESE PHASES WOULD BE SIMILAR IN THE EVENT OF

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AN INCIDENT AS IN ALL PROBABILITY THE CARRIER WOULD BE INVOLVED. BEFORE GOING FIRM WITH S OF S AND SENIOR [] WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR REACTION TO FOLLOWING OUTLINED COVER:

QUOTE. [] OFFICERS ARE ENGAGED ON [] DUTIES WITH UNITED STATES NAVY. THEY ARE AUTHORIZED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES TO FLY FROM UNITED STATES BASES AND NAVAL CARRIERS. THEY ARE AT PRESENT ENGAGED ON MAINTAINING THE REQUIRED FLYING PROFICIENCY TRAINING.

UNQUOTE.

PARA 4. THE STORY WOULD ONLY BE SURFACED TO COVER A CARRIER INCIDENT AND OTHER THAN THAT OF COURSE KWGLITTERS WOULD OPERATE IN THE BLACK AS PROPOSED BY YOUR REF C PARA 3. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEVELOPE THE COVER TO EMBRACE FUTURE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND HAS THE DISTINCT ADVANTAGE THAT KWGLITTERS COULD BE SURFACED AS SERVICE PERSONNEL DURING CARRIER OPERATIONS. THIS OF COURSE WILL DEPEND ON HOW MUCH SHIPS COMPANY ARE BRIEFED.

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TO PRIORITY CACTUS
WHALE TALE TWO

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS MSG IS TO CONFIRM COORDINATION, ACTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAVAL TRAINING PROGRAM TO QUALIFY EDWARDS U-2 PILOTS IN ACFT CARRIER OPERATIONS.
2. ALL MSGS REFERRING TO THIS TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE SLUGGED "WHALE TALE TWO" (UNCLASSIFIED).
3. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED AT MONTEREY NAS, AND PENSACOLA NAS. LEMOORE NAS WILL BE USED FOR CARRIER LANDING PRACTICES. THE DURATION OF THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. ONE WEEK GROUND SCHOOL AT MONTEREY NAS.
 - B. TWO TO THREE WEEKS FLIGHT TRNG AT MONTEREY. (USING LEMOORE AS A STAGING BASE ONLY).
 - C. ONE WEEK AT PENSACOLA NAS FOR CARRIER QUALS. (THE T2A WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THIS PORTION OF TRNG).
4. TRNG IN THE U-2 WILL BE CONDUCTED AT EDWARDS NO. BASE, AND WILL BE COVERED BY SEPARATE MSG.
5. EDWARDS PILOTS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THIS TRNG IN THREE

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SEPARATE GROUPS, WITH THE FIRST GROUP OF FOUR STARTING TRNG 16 SEPT 63. SUBSEQUENT GROUPS WILL BE SCHEDULED AS OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS ALLOW AND AS DIRECTED BY PROJECT HQ.

6. ACTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AGENCIES CONCERNED.

A. EDWARDS DETACHMENT WILL:

- (1) PROVIDE HQ WITH NAMES OF FOUR PILOTS TO ATTEND 16 SEPT CLASS, PLUS SUBSEQUENT SCHEDULE OF PILOTS FOR GRPS TWO AND THREE.
- (2) PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONNEL TO AND FROM MONTEREY NAS.
- (3) PROVIDE A SECURITY OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY PILOTS DURING ALL PHASES OF THIS TRNG PROGRAM.
- (4) PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TDY OF L/CMDR HUBER, COMM AIR TO AND FROM PENSACOLA, AND AUTO RENTAL. (TWO RENTAL AUTOS AUTH IF NEC).
- (5) HAVE FIRST GROUP OF PILOTS AND S.O. REPORT TO CMDG OFFICER, MONTEREY NAS, (CAPT W H CRAVEN - CLEARED I THREE)

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ON 16 SEPT 63. PILOTS WILL ATTEND BRIEFINGS AND TRAINING AS DIRECTED BY CAPT CRAVEN.

B. U S NAVY WILL (AS AGREED AT MONTEREY MEETING 26 AUG 63):

(1) PROVIDE FOR L/CMDR HUBER TO ACCOMPANY EDWARDS PILOTS THROUGHOUT ALL PHASES OF TRNG.

(2) ISSUE NAVAL FLIGHT GEAR TO EDWARDS PILOTS AT MONTEREY.

(3) CMDG OFFICER MONTEREY WILL ISSUE NAVAL RESERVE DOCUMENTATION TO EDWARDS PILOTS.

(4) PROVIDE CARRIER QUALIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAM OF EDWARDS PILOTS, USING NAVAL ASSETS.

(5) PROVIDE BACK-UP ON COVER STORY AS APPROVED BY PROJECT SECUR OFFICES.

7. CLASSIFIED COVER STORY FOR DISSEMINATION ONLY AMONG PERSONNEL DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH PROJECT WHALE TALE TWO FOLLOWS BY SEP MSG.

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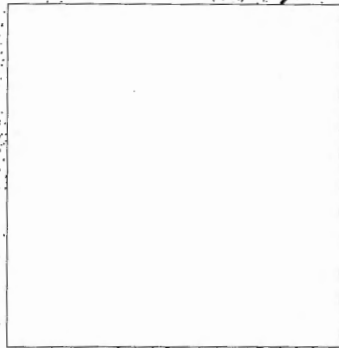
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RE A. ADIC 2104 (OUT 16844)

B. [redacted] 1353 (IN 88659)

U-2 carrier operation

1. REF B WAS AWAITING ME ON MY RETURN FROM VISIT TO WEST COAST TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR FACILITY, MONTERREY FOR COMMENCEMENT CARRIER CONVERSION TRAINING HIS UNDER/AEGIS ON MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

2. BASED ON MY VISIT AND DISCUSSIONS WITH NAVY THERE, BELIEVE THAT COVER STORY FOR CALIFORNIA PHASE AS SUGGESTED PARA THREE REF A MAY BE QUITE WORKABLE AS PROPOSED. INITIAL GROUP OF TRAINEES TO REPORT TO COMMANDER NAF MONTERREY ON 16 SEPTEMBER WILL CONSIST OF FOUR IDEALIST [redacted] PILOTS AND ONE SECURITY OFFICER *(at least initially)*. THESE PEOPLE WILL BE BILLETED OFF THE BASE IN NEARBY MOTEL AND

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AND WILL NOT APPEAR AT FLIGHT LINE EXCEPT FOR INITIAL CHECKOUT AND SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS FROM MONTERREY TO NAS LEMOORE WHERE ACTUAL BOUNCE DRILL WILL BE CONDUCTED. COMMANDER NAF MONTERREY HAS WAVED ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR NORMAL STATION CHECK IN WITH ATTENDANT PAPER WORK, SIGNATURES, ETC., WHICH WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FROM COVER STAND-POINT. FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR IDEALIST [REDACTED] PILOTS WILL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS. PLANES WILL DEPART MONTERREY FOR LEMOORE ON LOCAL VFR FLIGHT CLEARANCE WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE MANIFEST IDENTIFYING PERSONNEL ABOARD. IF IT IS NECESSARY TO SIGN FLIGHT PLAN FORM AT EITHER MONTERREY OR LEMOORE IN EVENT SAY OF SUDDEN INCLEMENT WEATHER REQUIRING SWITCH TO IFR FLIGHT RULES, PILOT WILL SIMPLY IDENTIFY FLIGHT AS UNDER "PROJEC WHALE TALE/TWO", WHICH CODENAME WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN CLEARED WITH NAVY AUTHORITIES BOTH PLACES. LIKEWISE WHEN ANY SIGNATURES NORMALLY REQUIRED WHEN ACFT IS REFUELED AWAY FROM BASE AT MONTERREY WILL BE COVERED BY IDENTIFICATION OF FLIGHT AS COMING UNDER WHALE

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TALE/TWO AEGIS. BOTH NAF MONTERREY AND NAS LEMOORE ARE UNDER SAME NAVY ORGANIZATIONAL COMMAND KNOWN AS COMFAIR, ALAMEDA (CALIFORNIA). THIS IS NAVY JARGON FOR COMMANDER, FLEET AIR, ALAMEDA, AND THIS INDIVIDUAL, REAR ADMIRAL WELCH, WILL HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY COMNAVAIRPAC (COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR PACIFIC--VICE ADMIRAL PAUL D. STROUP, USN) TO COOPERATE FULLY ON A NO-QUESTIONS-ASKED BASIS.

3. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR EACH T2A TO BE MANNED BY TWO IDEALIST/ [REDACTED] PILOTS FOR FIELD CARRIER LANDING TRAINING. IN EVENT OF MISHAP SUCH AS CRASH OR FORCED LANDING, ALL PRESS INQUIRIES ARE REFERRED TO COMMANDER NAF MONTERREY FOR RESPONSE. *(Capt. Lawrence - bracketed I)* IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT NONE OF IDEALIST [REDACTED] PILOTS CARRY PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION ON THEM WHILE ENGAGING IN TRAINING FLIGHTS. THUS IF FATAL CRASH OCCURRED, PRESS INQUIRIES WOULD COME TO COMMANDER NAF MONTERREY, WHO WOULD THEN RESPOND SAYING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL NEXT OF KIN WERE NOTIFIED WHICH WOULD TAKE SEVERAL DAYS DURING WHICH PRESS

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INTEREST USUALLY DECLINES MARKEDLY EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHERE ACFT MAY HAVE ~~INADVERTENTLY~~ DESTROYED CIVILIAN PROPERTY OR ENDANGERED CIVILIAN LIVES OFF BASE. INTERVAL FOR NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN WOULD PROVIDE US TIME TO ASSESS SITUATION AND TO MODIFY ORIGINAL PROPOSAL MENTIONED PARA THREE REF A IF NECESSARY, *AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH YOU,*

4. IN EVENT OF ACCIDENT OF LESS SERIOUS NATURE WHERE PILOTS WERE SAFE AND SOUND, OR AT WORSE^I INJURED, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT YOUR PEOPLE FOLLOW LINE SUGGESTED PARA THREE REF A. ONE SAVING ADVANTAGE IN THIS PROGRAM IS THAT T2A ACFT HAS ONLY ONE MISSION ~~MISSION~~ AND THAT IS CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS TRAINING AND/OR MAINTENANCE JET QUALIFICATIONS PROFICIENCY. IN THIS ROLE IT IS DECIDEDLY UNSPECTACULAR AND FULLY ACCEPTED BY POPULATION WITHIN LOCAL FLYING AREA. THIS TENDS TO MINIMIZE ATTENTION GIVEN TO ACCIDENTS EXCEPT WHERE DAMAGE TO PERSONA PROPERTY OR LIVES OFF THE BASE IS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, SHOULD YOU FEEL STRONGLY THAT PILOTS SHOULD BE COVERED AS PROPOSED PARA THREE REF B,

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BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE SUITABLE ADJUSTMENT.

5. RE YOUR QUERY PARA THREE REF B ON "TRAINING BLACK" AMPLIFICATION AS FOLLOWS. THIS WOULD SIMPLY MEAN THAT IDEALIST PILOTS WOULD ENTER AND LEAVE NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA FOR THEIR APPROXIMATELY TWO-DAY EXCURSION INVOLVING THE USS LEXINGTON WITHOUT **FILE.** ~~RECORD~~ RECORD OF THEIR PRESENCE BEING MADE IN ANY STATION ~~RECORD~~

SINCE ARRESTED LANDING PHASE ON CARRIER IS SO SHORT AND BECAUSE STUDEN PILOTS DO NOT EVEN DISEMBARK FROM THEIR ACFT WHILE ON THE CARRIER, PERSONNEL OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY NOT EVEN KNOW THEIR NAMES. WE CAN INSURE THAT THIS IS SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERED TO, BUT AGAIN ONLY POTENTIAL AREA OF DIFFICULTY MIGHT BE IF THERE WERE AN ON BOARD ACCIDENT WHEREIN THEY WERE INJURED OR KILLED. AT THIS TIME WE WOULD THEN WISH TO REGROUP WITH YOU AND QUITE POSSIBLY DEVELOP STORY YOU HAVE PROPOSED IN PARA THREE REF B.

6. RE YOUR INQUIRY PARA FOUR REF B, MY EARLIER STATEMENT "SAFE

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IF NOT SPECTACULAR RETRIEVALS" WAS SIDE-LONG REFERENCE TO FACT THAT AS THEY WERE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED, KWHIBALS COULD NOT POSSIBLY ACHIEVE ANY DEGREE OF UNIFORMITY AS BETWEEN ONE LANDING AND THE NEXT ON THE CARRIER. HIGH ASPECT RATIO OF WING SIMPLY WORKS AGAINST IDEA OF PRECISION LANDINGS. WHOLE THRUST OF KELLY JOHNSON'S PRESENT EFFORT IS TO INCREASE SINK RATE IN SUCH A FASHION THAT SAFETY TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER MORE SPECTACULAR TOUCH AND GO LANDINGS NOW POSSIBLE. INCIDENTAL MECHANICAL SPOILERS REFERRED TO IN PARA FOUR REF A ARE BASED UPON PRINCIPLE USED IN BOEING 707, ^{UPPER WING SURFACE,} WHICH BY THE WAY WAS ORIGINALLY PATENTED IN 1937 BY KELLY JOHNSON AND EMPLOYED BY BOEING AFTER HIS PATENT RIGHTS HAD EXPIRED. AT PRESENT WITH MOST RECENT TURN OF EVENTS ON LETTER SLOT FLAPS AND SPOILERS, TOTAL WEIGHT PENALTY FOR CARRIER CONVERSION LOOKS AS THOUGH IT WILL COME TO ABOUT 450 OR 500 POUNDS. LEAVING OFF IFR CARABILITY SAVES IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 350 POUNDS, AND THIS COMBINED WITH OTHER TRADE-OFFS IMPLICIT IN NEW ~~EX~~ CG YET TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR

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MODIFIED CONFIGURATION MAY WELL RESULT IN MINIMUM PENALTY ON ALTITUDE CEILING. THIS WE REALLY CANNOT PROPERLY JUDGE UNTIL WIND TUNNEL TESTS ARE COMPLETED AND UNTIL CARRIER MOD HARDWARE IS WEIGHED OUT. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED, HOWEVER.

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RE CACTUS 4285 (IN 82727)*
FOR COL. GREGORY FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

AIRCRAFT CITE ADIC 9992
CARRIER STAGING

YOU

1. RE REF APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL INPUTS AND ASSURE/THAT THEY WILL BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO COMPLICATE YOUR TRAINING PROBLEMS, BUT BEFORE CLOSING OUT THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP OF NAVY PILOTS IN THIS PROGRAM, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE WHAT SORT OF INDIVIDUALS NAVY SCREENS PRELIMINARILY TO US. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED OF FILE REVIEW OF TYPICAL CANDIDATES FROM BUPERS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. ON SUBJECT OF CARRIER OPS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT DIRECTOR HAS INSTRUCTED US TO MOVE AHEAD THRU PROPER CHANNELS TO DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE OF CARRIER LAUNCH FACILITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS MEANS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO SURFACE THIS TRAINING EXERCISE IN DETAIL.

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TO D/NRO AND THRU HIM OBTAIN JCS PERMISSION TO EXERCISE WITH ONLY AVAILABLE ATTACK CARRIER IN ATLANTIC WITHIN NEXT THIRTY DAYS.

3. ROUND HOUSE PLAN WOULD BE TO HOIST U-2 ABOARD CARRIER IN CHANNEL OFF NORFOLK, AND AFTER ONE DAY'S STEAMING EASTWARD LAUNCH FROM CARRIER WITH POST-STRIKE RECOVERY AT LAND BASE TO BE SELECTED, POSSIBLY McCoy SINCE U-BIRD IS FAMILIAR SITE THERE. LAUNCH TEAM NECESSARY FOR CARRIER OPERATION WOULD THEN BE RETURNED TO OCEANA NAS, NORFOLK VIA TF ACFT, ~~WHILE CARRIER CONTINUES TOWARD MEDITERRANEAN~~. HAVE URGED LAC TO EXPEDITE WORK ON CARRIER SLING AND MODIFICATION TO SIDE CASTERING FUSELAGE CART IN TIME TO CONDUCT EXERCISE, HOPEFULLY AT END FIRST WEEK AUGUST. IN VIEW KNUTSON CHECKOUT ON CARRIER FOR TAKEOFFS, BELIEVE YOU MAY WISH CONSIDER NOMINATING HIM FOR THIS INITIAL LAUNCH, THOUGH KELLY MAY MAKE STRONG OVERTURES TO USE SCHUMACHER FOR JOB. WILL FILL YOU IN ON QUESTION AS WHEELS TURN.

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END OF MESSAGE

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RECITAL-X WHALE TALE THREE

FRAG ORDER NBR ONE TO OPS ORDER 1-64

1. GENERAL: A REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF WHALE TALE THREE EXERCISE ON 9 AND 10 MAR ABOARD THE USS RANGER.

A. ENEMY FORCES: (OMITTED)

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) USN WILL:

(A) PROVIDE THE USS RANGER FOR THIS EXERCISE.

(B) INSURE THAT THE USS RANGER WILL DEPART NORTH ISLAND ON OR ABOUT 0800Z, 9 MAR CONSISTENT WITH USN SCHEDULE OF SHIP MOVEMENT OPERATIONS.

(C) ASSIST EDWARDS PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY

(2) EDWARDS WILL:

(A) PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SAN DIEGO FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. POV IS AUTHORIZED.

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(B) INSURE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE ABOARD THE USS RANGER BY 2200L, 8 MAR 64.

(C) ON 9 MAR FERRY #1, U-2G ACFT TO RANGER, TO LAND ABOARD AT APPROX 1000L. THE U-2 WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT FUEL TO ORBIT OVER THE RANGER FOR 45 MIN AND RETURN TO EDWARDS. FUEL DUMPING WILL BE USED TO DUMP EXCESS FUEL BEFORE LANDING ABOARD.

(D) ON 9 MAR FERRY #2, U-2G ACFT TO RANGER, TO LAND AT APPROX 1200L. FUEL REQ SAME AS ABOVE.

(E) SCHEDULE PILOT QUALS AS TIME AND ACFT AVAILABILITY PERMITS.

(F) ESTABLISH FREQUENCY CALL SIGNS AND PROCEDURES TO HAVE A CONTINUOUS (DURING FLIGHT OPS) SSB COMM NET BETWEEN THE RANGER, EDWARDS AND THE U-2.

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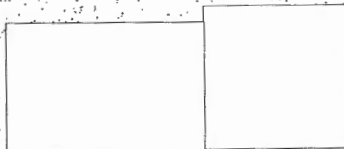
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3. LAC WILL:

(A) PROVIDE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL TO ASSIST THE EDWARDS DETACH IN THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS.

(B) PROVIDE FOR LAC PILOT SHOEMACHER TO MAKE A MAX LOAD TAKE-OFF DEMO ON THE AFTERNOON OF 10 MAR IN ACFT 362. 362 IS THEN TO BE FLOWN TO LAC, BURBANK.

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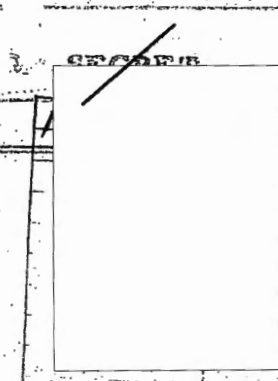
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IDEALIST WHALE TALE III
FOR COL. GREGORY AND KELLY JOHNSON FROM JIM CUNNINGHAM

Whale Tale

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1. RE OUR TELECON AFTERNOON 27 FEB, THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT
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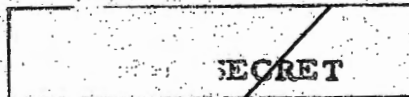
"THIS MORNING, AND AGAIN EARLY NEXT WEEK, WE WILL BE CONDUCTING A SERIES OF TESTS SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF LAUNCHING AND RECOVERING THE U-2 IN FROM CARRIERS OF WHICH THE RANGER IS ONLY ONE. / THIS OPERATION WE WILL BE ASSISTED BY PERSONNEL FROM LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, THE MANUFACTURER OF THE U-2.

"THE ULTIMATE MISSION OF THE U-2 OPERATING FROM A CARRIER WILL BE TO PROVIDE A LONG RANGE, HIGH ALTITUDE INFRA-RED SUBMARINE DETECTION CAPABILITY. THE U-2 WAS SELECTED FOR THIS MISSION BECAUSE OF ITS ALTITUDE AND EXTENDED ENDURANCE PERFORMANCE WHICH WOULD

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PERMIT COVERAGE OF VAST AREAS OF THE OCEANS.

"THE DETAILS OF THIS PROGRAM, AND THE BALANCE OF THE CURRENT TESTS ARE CLASSIFIED BECAUSE OF THE OBVIOUS FAR REACHING IMPLICATION OF THIS PROGRAM WITH RELATION TO THE DEPLOYMENT AND SURVEILLANCE OF ENEMY SUBMARINES. IN THIS REGARD IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE NO DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURES OF THESE TESTS WITH UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. THIS MEANS ANYONE WHO IS NOT ABOARD TODAY AND NEXT WEEK. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOU MAY READ OR HEAR SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROGRAM IN THE NEWSPAPERS OR RADIO BUT THIS DOES NOT RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOT DISCUSS THE TESTS WITH UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS."

END OF MESSAGE

[Redacted Signature]

JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
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IBJY IDEALIST WHALE TALE-3

1. COVER PLAN FOR WHALE TALE-3 IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT PREVIOUSLY USED DURING OPERATIONS ON THE KITTY HAWK. ^{CACTUS PERSONNEL WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS LAC EMPLOYEE.} (REF. BYE-2951-63, DATED 30 JULY 1963). THE FOLLOWING MINOR CHANGES TO THE REFERENCED PLAN WILL BE MADE:

A. AMEND FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA III TO READ: "THE CLASSIFIED COVER STORY, IN GENERAL, WILL BE THAT THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH UNDER A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT COMPANY FOR SUPPORT IS ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF CLASSIFIED TESTS TO DETERMINE THE ADAPTABILITY AND SUITABILITY OF THE U-2 FOR LAUNCHING FROM, AND RECOVERY ON VARIOUS TYPES OF CARRIERS, OF WHICH THE RANGER IS ONLY ONE."

B. DELETE PARA IV A.

C. DELETE PARA IV C.

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D. ADD THE FOLLOWING TO PARA V A: IF QUERIES RESULT FROM AN INCIDENT INVOLVING LOSS [REDACTED] AND THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT A RESPONSE MUST BE MADE, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INFORMATION WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HE WAS AUTHORIZED IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES TO FLY FROM [REDACTED] BASES AND NAVAL CARRIERS. HE WAS ENGAGED IN MAINTAINING REQUIRED PROFICIENCY TRAINING AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WAS A JET TRAINER.

2. APPRECIATE THAT THE ADDITION TO PARA V A IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CLASSIFIED COVER STORY GIVEN TO THE SHIP'S COMPANY, BUT THIS IS A RISK WE CANNOT AVOID. IF SUCH A CONTINGENCY SHOULD OCCUR WE WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON NAVAL SECURITY

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1. IDEALIST U-2 ACFT WILL CONDUCT A TEST EXERCISE WITH A USN ACFT CARRIER ON 29 FEB, 2, 3 AND 4 MAR. CARRIER WILL BE USS RANGER AND AREA OF TEST OPERATIONS WILL BE AS BOUNDED BY FOL COORDINATES. 3216N 11800W TO 3240N 11800W TO 3235N 11825W TO 3300N 11840W TO 3245N 11900W TO 3216N 11825W TO 3216N 11800W

2. U 2 WILL BE FLOWN AT ALTITUDES FROM 0 TO 10,000' ALT WITHIN THIS AREA, WITH ONE MAX ALT FLIGHT TO BE FLOWN ON 4 MAR.

3. ACFT WILL NOT FILE CLEARANCE.

4. FOL IS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ROUTES TO BE FLOWN:

A. 29 FEB - 1730Z - U-2 DEPT BURBANK TERM, DIRECT TO USS RANGER AND LCL ELTS FROM USS RANGER - 2330Z U-2 DEPT RANGER DIR TO BURBANK - CALL SIGN KAYAK 01.

B. 2 MAR - 1730Z - FIRST U-2 DEPT BURBANK - DIR TO USS RANGER - CALL SIGN KAYAK 02. - 1830Z SECOND U-2 DEPT

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BURBANK DIR TO USS RANGER - CALL SIGN KAYAK 04 - 1800Z TO 2000Z - THREE U-2 LOCAL FLTS TO AND FROM USS RANGER - CALL SIGNS KAYAK 03, 05 AND 06.

C. 3 MAR 1600Z TO 4 MAR 0100Z - FOUR U-2 LOCAL FLTS TO AND FROM USS RANGER - CALL SIGNS KAYAK 07, 08, 09 AND 10. - 2300Z - FIRST U-2 DEPTS USS RANGER - DIRECT TO BURBANK - CALL SIGN KAYAK 11.

D. 4 MAR - 1300Z TO 1600Z - U-2 FLYS FROM USS RANGER ON 3 HR HIGH ALT FLT. (ROUTE DETAILS TO BE FWD BY SEP MSG) CALL SIGN KAYAK 12 - 1700Z - U-2 DEPT USS RANGER DIR TO EDWARDS - CALL SIGN KAYAK 13.

3. REQ SUPPRESSION OF FTR INTERCEPT, RADAR REPORTING OF TRACKS, WORKING AREA AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE U-2 S WORKING WITH THE USS RANGER.

END OF MESSAGE

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~~"TOP SECRET HANDLE VIA BYEMAN CONTROL SYSTEM/PROJECT
IDEALIST. FROM DCNO AIR TO CINCPAC. VADM FELT FROM VADM THACH.~~

"1. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR INITIAL ARRESTED LANDINGS OF U-2
ABOARD RANGER ON 29 FEB. ASSUMING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
INITIAL PHASE CARQUALS AND ORI WILL BE COMPLETED ABOARD RANGER BY
3 MAR AT WHICH TIME AN OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY WILL BE IN EXISTENCE.
(TS, BYEMAN/PROJECT IDEALIST)

"2. NO DETAILED STUDIES ON EFFECT ON AIR GROUP COMPOSITION
HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BUT PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE THAT
FOR EACH EMBARKED U-2 OFF-LOADING, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, OF 3 A3DS
OR THEIR EQUIVALENT, WOULD NORMALLY SUFFICE TO PERMIT UNHAMPERED
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TOTAL 31 FULL STOP LANDINGS AND TAKE-OFFS ON FORRESTAL WITHOUT INCIDENT. GROSS WEIGHTS GRADUALLY INCREASED UP TO MAX OF 120,000 POUNDS FOR BOTH LANDINGS AND TAKE-OFFS. ALL LANDINGS MADE ON AXIAL DECK, TAKE-OFFS ON BOTH ANGLE AND AXIAL, AVERAGE WIND-OVER-DECK APPROX 37 KTS. AT 120,000 POUNDS STOP DISTANCE FROM TOUCH-DOWN 420 FEET, TAKE-OFF DISTANCE 650 FEET. NO MODIFICATION TO AIRCRAFT EXCEPT COMMERCIAL TYPE ANTI-SKID BRAKES. NO FURTHER TESTS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME PENDING REDUCTION OF DATA BY BUWEP.
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"5. POTENTIAL USES ENVISIONED INCLUDE POSSIBLE REFUELING TACAMO AIRCRAFT AND LONG RANGE REPLENISHMENT OF CRITICAL ITEMS TO SIXTH, AND SEVENTH FLTS OR INDIAN OCEAN DIRECT FROM CONUS ON SPECIAL BASIS. (SECRET/LIMITED DIST)

"6. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE POSSIBILITIES INHERENT IN THE SYSTEM, A MISSION TO REPLENISH AERONAUTICAL SPARES FLOWN FROM GUAM TO THE

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