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ANNEX B TO OPERATIONS ORDER 1-64  
OPERATIONS:

I. MISSION: TO EXTEND THE FLEXIBILITY OF PROJECT IDEALIST U-2 PHOTOGRAPHIC AND ELECTRONIC COVERAGE OF WORLD WIDE TARGETS BY QUALIFYING THE IDEALIST DETACH LOCATED AT KWCACTUS IN ALL PHASES OF OPERATING A U-2 FROM AN ACFT CARRIER. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, A THREE PHASE EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED ABOARD THE USS RANGER BASED AT SAN DIEGO.

II. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT: THE FIRST DAY OF THIS EXERCISE, LAC WILL COMPLETE THE FINAL TEST AND TRIALS REQUIRED TO PROVE THE FEASIBILITY OF OPERATING A U-2G ABOARD AN ACFT CARRIER. THE FOL DAYS ABOARD THE RANGER WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE QUAL OF KWCACTUS KWGLITTERS, AND EXERCISING THE DETAILS OF A LAUNCH AND RECOVERY OF AN OPNL U-2 MSN FROM AN ACFT CARRIER.

III. GENERAL:

A. BOTH CARRIER MODIFIED ARTICLES WILL BE USED  
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FOR THIS EXERCISE. LAC PILOT SHUMACHER WILL FLY BOTH, ABOARD THE RANGER ON 2 MAR. BOTH ACFT WILL BE STOWED ABOARD ON NIGHT OF 2 MAR AND 348 WILL BE STOWED ABOARD ON NIGHT OF 3 MAR.

B. THE U-2'S WILL BE ALTERNATED DURING THE QUAL FLIGHTS. THE ONE NOT BEING FLOWN WILL BE STORED ON THE HANGAR DECK.

C. FOR ALL TRAPPED LANDINGS ABOARD, INCLUDING THE LAC DEMO LANDINGS, THE FOL PROCEDURES WILL APPLY:

- (1) AFTER ACFT HAS COME TO COMPLETE STOP ON THE DECK, THE DETACH MAINT SUP WILL GIVE THE PILOT A CUT ENG SIGNAL.
- (2) ACFT WILL THEN BE TOWED TO THE AFT END OF THE AXIAL DECK.
- (3) ACFT INSPECTED AND SUMP TANK TOPPED OFF.
- (4) ACFT STARTED AND T.O. MADE ALONG AXIAL DECK.

D. TWO HRS ARE PLANNED FOR EACH PILOT QUAL SORTIE.

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THIS INCLUDES 20 MIN FOR INITIAL TAKE-OFF AND TWO TOUCH AND GO LANDINGS; PLUS ANY WAVE OFF'S REQ; 20 MIN BETWEEN EACH TRAPPED LANDING; (PER PARA C) AND 20 MIN FOR PREPARATION OF ACFT FOR NEXT SORTIE.

E. TO SIMULATE INsofar AS POSSIBLE, EVERY ASPECT OF AN ACTUAL DEPLOYMENT TO AN ACFT CARRIER, THE KWCACTUS PERSONNEL AND EQUIP WILL BE DEPLOYED FROM KWCACTUS ON 1 MAR AT 1700L TO EAN DIRGO. THEY WILL LOAD THE EQUIP ABOARD THE RANGER BY 1900L. THE PERSONNEL MAY STAY ASHORE THE NIGHT OF 1 MAR. ALL PERSONNEL WILL BE ABOARD THE RANGER BY 0700L ON 2 MAR. PERSONNEL MAY GO ASHORE ON THE NIGHT OF 2 MARCH. TO BE BACK ABOARD BY 0500L, 3 MAR. DET PERSONNEL WILL STAY ABOARD SHIP UNTIL THE QRE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE SHIP RETURNS TO DOCK ON 4 MAR. THE DET PERSONNEL AND EQUIP WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO KWCACTUS ON 4 MAR AS SOON AS THE EQUIP CAN BE OFF LOADED FROM THE SHIP

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AND LOADED ON THE SUPPORT ACFT.

F. FOR THIS SIMULATED COMBAT MSN, THE U-2 USED WILL BE LOADED INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE WITH A COMPLETE OPNL MSN SPEC EQUIP LOAD. A FULL FUEL LOAD TAKE-OFF WILL BE MADE, AND A CLIMB TO MAX ALT COMPLETED. THE MSN WILL BE FLOWN, AND THE RECOVERY BACK ABOARD WILL BE MADE UTILIZING THE RANGERS RADAR APPROACH SYSTEM. THE PILOT WILL DUMP FUEL PRIOR TO LANDING. THE U-2 WILL BE TAKEN BELOW, AND THE SPEC EQUIP OFF LOADING EXERCISE CONDUCTED, THEN THE ARTICLE WILL BE REFUELED AND LAUNCHED ON ITS RETURN FLIGHT TO KWCACTUS.

G. THE B CAMERA AND TRACKER CAMERA WILL BE ON THE SIMULATED OPNL MSN, WITH A PLAIN LOWER HATCH. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO SCREEN THE LOADING/UNLOADING EXERCISE OF THIS EQUIP ON THE U-2 FROM UNCLEARED EYES ABOARD SHIP. IF IT IS FOUND TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SCREEN THIS PORTION OF THE EXERCISE, THEN THE EQUIP WILL BE LEFT IN THE BOXES, AND

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THE LOADING/UNLOADING SIMULATED.

IV. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

A. SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND WILL BE THE PRIMARY ALTERNATE FOR EMERG LANDINGS DURING THIS EXERCISE.

B. 100 GAL OF FUEL WILL BE ABSOLUTE MIN FOR LANDINGS ABOARD SHIP. WITH LESS THAN 100 GAL, THE PILOT WILL PROCEED TO SAN CLEMENTE AND LAND.

C. IN CASE OF ACFT RADIO FAILURE, THE LSO WILL ATTEMPT TO LAND THE U-2 BY USE OF PADDLES. AFTER TWO UNSUCCESSFUL LANDING ATTEMPTS, THE PILOT WILL PROCEED TO KWCACTUS, FUEL PERMITTING, OR IF AT MIN FUEL SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND.

V. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. FLIGHT PLANS WILL NOT BE FILED FOR ANY OF THE FLIGHTS OF THIS EXERCISE. RADAR SUPPRESSION WITH NORAD AND FAA COORD WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY HQ. IF WX AT BURBANK REQUIRES FLIGHTS FROM BURBANK TO THE

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CARRIER TO BE ON A FAA CLEARANCE, LAC PILOT WILL FILE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING STANDARD PROCEDURES, AND LIST SAN CLLEMENTE IS ALF AS DESTINATION.

B. THE POL CALL SIGNS ARE ASSIGNED FOR THE DAYS AND FLIGHTS AS INDICATED. THESE CALL SIGNS HAVE BEEN COORD WITH FAA AND NORAD.

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|       | 348 | FERRY TO RANGER  | KAYAK 04 |
|       | 348 | #2 PILOT QUAL    | KAYAK 05 |
|       | 348 | #3 PILOT QUAL    | KAYAK 06 |
| 3 MAR | 362 | #4 PILOT QUAL    | KAYAK 07 |
|       | 348 | #5 PILOT QUAL    | KAYAK 08 |
|       | 362 | FERRY TO BURBANK | KAYAK 10 |
|       | 348 | #7 PILOT QUAL    | KAYAK 11 |
| 4 MAR | 348 | SIM OPNL MSN     | KAYAK 12 |
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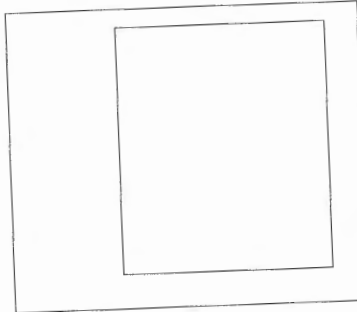
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C. MSG TRAFFIC

- (1) ALL MSG REFERRING TO THIS OPN WILL BE SLUGGED WHALE TALE THREE.
- (2) RECITAL SLUG WILL BE USED ON ALL OPS TRAFFIC.

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