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ATTENTION: Dr. Sidney Galler

1. The newly organized Office of Research and Development of the Central Intelligence Agency is seriously interested in determining the feasibility of using dolphins and other marine life in specialized operational situations.

2. The use of dolphins in specialized operations seems promising and deserves support. However, we feel that considerable study is required to more accurately define the operational limitations inherent in the use of these animals in close cooperation with other departments having similar interests.

3. Recognizing that the Office of Naval Research has had long and continuing interest in this area, we wish to explore with you ways in which we could augment research; specifically, we would like to undertake active collaboration with appropriate units of the Department of Navy to determine the feasibility of using dolphins in operational situations. Perhaps active collaboration would lead to a more rapid solution of the problems involved with a minimum of duplication. I would welcome your comments on this matter.

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