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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Review Board

SUBJECT: Support Requirements for Project TACANA

1. The specific target selection and operational scenario for subject project is being constructed through the joint efforts of LS/ORD, [redacted] of the Air Systems Division, and [redacted] of the Defensive Systems Division. In general terms, the scenario required that the target be located not more than two miles from the open sea, and that commercial or private boats may pass within 12 miles of the coastline (preferably closer) without arousing undue suspicion. Several of the potential targets possess these characteristics. More detailed information concerning the general terrain, meteorological conditions, general sea states, types of boats, and routine traffic in the vicinity, and other relevant data are being accumulated for the most likely targets.

2. Regardless of the specific target(s) selected, field training for the bird vehicles will require a marine environment, boat launch, overwater flight, and simulated targets placed at varied points having ground characteristics similar to selected target areas. The training program must also take place in an area reasonably secure from inquisitive bystanders.

3. In response to a request for military support, the JCS approved DOD support in principle and assigned OP 009 coordination responsibility. Cmdr. Krieger, OP 009M, visited and comparatively evaluated Point Loma, San Clemente Island, Camp Pendleton, Point Mugu, and Port Hueneme as potential training sites. Other sites meeting the physical requirements were investigated through the assistance of the DOD. Taking all factors into consideration, San Clemente Island was selected as the most appropriate operational training site.

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4. Coordination of Agency-Navy activities on San Clemente Island have been assigned to the Naval Underwater Center, San Diego. The Underwater Center will provide necessary boats, fuel, seaman boat handler, air transportation to and from San Clemente, barge services for transport of vehicles if required, storage facilities, personnel billitting, and other general support such as minor maintenance, tools, expendable equipment, etc. Attachment I is an authorization for Navy expenditure of an amount not exceeding $15,000 to provide the above mentioned support.

5. One constraint specified by the Underwater Center prior to agreeing to support subject project is that an Agency representative with marine experience be physically on site during the training program and serve as the interface between Naval and Agency contractor personnel. In brief, they require that a person experiences in boat handling, marine communications, maritime regulations, safety, etc., be responsible for the boat operations as opposed to a civilian "bird trainer." In addition, the Underwater Center wishes to avoid dealing directly with an Agency contractor and prefers that the interface take place with an Agency representative. In view of the reasonableness of this constraint, SOD was requested to provide an individual with the required characteristics and have complied in the person of [redacted] Attachment II requests the transfer of funds in the amount of $2,500 to provide travel and per diem for the required Agency personnel support.

6. It is requested that the PRB approve Attachment I and Attachment II as described above to provide facility and personnel support for Project TACANA.

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