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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Operations Division

ATTENTION: [redacted]

SUBJECT: Operational Evaluation of the Dolphin Proposal from [redacted]

1. Attached is a proposal from The [redacted] of [redacted] to investigate the feasibility of using dolphins in support of covert marine operations. The principal investigator is [redacted], and the project officer is [redacted] The cost for the nine-month study is approximately ninety seven thousand dollars.

2. This proposal, as you know, reflects to a considerable degree the ideas which you and I discussed with the contractor on two previous occasions. I would appreciate your review of Parts I and II from the operational point of view. In particular, I would like to know whether the demonstration of feasibility as outlined in the proposal would be of continuing operational interest to your office. In addition, I would like to be certain that your group would act as the operational monitor of the project if it is approved. It would be our intention to monitor the scientific, technical, and management phases of the project. Operational monitoring of this project would involve close and continuing contact with the project investigators both here and in the field as well as responsibility for redirection of the program to enhance its operational usefulness.

3. This project will also receive continuing review from Dr. Galler's office in ONR as appropriate. We would appreciate it if you would forward your views with regard to the project by 17 February so that we can initiate action as quickly as possible.

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