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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Projects

SUBJECT : Prognosis for RV-3 Recovery Operations

1. Discussions with Navy personnel (OP-23) indicate the status of the IOU (Integrated Operating Unit) as of 1000 hours today is as follows:

- a. They are on station.
- b. Sea conditions are still not calm enough to launch Trieste. Swells are about nine feet.
- c. Forecast WX shows a 50/50 possibility of launching Trieste starting Friday, 4 February 1972.
- d. In event Trieste is not in water by 7 February, Navy plans on making decision shortly thereafter as to future operations. Alternatives for the IOU are as follows:
 - (1) Return to San Diego for R&R and type training, sailing for Pearl Harbor to arrive there mid-May for operations.
 - (2) Return to San Diego for R&R, docking and repair at White Sands, type training and then sail for Pearl Harbor to arrive there early September for operations.
 - (3) Return to Pearl Harbor, replenish and return to operating area when weather condition prognostication is favorable for operations.

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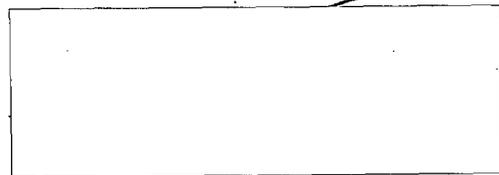
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(4) Return to Pearl Harbor, replenish (4-5 days)
and return to operating area.

(5) Cancel Project.

2. I do not recommend that alternative (5) be implemented for technical, security and establishing capability reasons. I recommend implementation of the alternatives in the following priority (3), (4), (1), and (2).

3. I am keeping in daily contact with OP-23. If you concur with the recommendations of Paragraph 2, I will inform the Navy of the Agency position.



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