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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Chief Naval Operations for  
Fleet Operations and Readiness (OP 03)

**THROUGH** : Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet  
Operations, and Director Fleet Operations  
Division

Director Naval Intelligence

**SUBJECT** : Security in Pacific Missile Range Recovery Area

1. Previous operations involving recovery of satellite capsule in the Pacific Missile Range required assurance from OP 03 that security of the capsule on impact was effected when Soviet SIBIR vessels were in the recovery area.

2. To preclude the necessity for repeated requests through OP 03 for prevention of recovery by SIBIRS of U. S. capsule, it is respectfully requested that Navy issue a standing instruction to U. S. Navy ships shadowing SIBIR Group to the effect that under no circumstances will SIBIRS recover the U. S. capsule.

3. To relieve any concern which might exist on the part of personnel involved in this Agency, request memorandum from Navy as to what action has been taken.

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Deputy Director  
(Plans)

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**Signature Recommended:**

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