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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL PUTT

SUBJECT: AQUATONE

1. The attached correspondence is informally directed to DCS/O for comment. However, DCS/D has certain interests. Our interest involves an understanding and definition of "Assumptions as to procurement, paragraph 4." I believe that CIA wants the present DCS/D organization to act as their materiel headquarters throughout AQUATONE's life. This probably includes the procurement and handling of all specialized and other GFE required to support three overseas bases.

2. Other comments are as follows:

a. No single responsible Air Force agency. CIA can deal directly with DCS/D, SAC, AFOIN, ATC, and possibly other Air Force organizations when required.

b. The Air Force will have broad operational planning privileges, but the entire training and operational control is a CIA function and responsibility. Main Air Force participation in the project is simply a planning and support role.

c. Funding for the project is about equally distributed between CIA and the Air Force.

3. It is recommended that:

a. DCS/D continue with our present responsibilities associated with the project.

b. That SAC be responsible for all materiel and GFE support required for overseas operations.

c. That the Air Force participate in the operational phase of AQUATONE jointly with CIA under one responsible Air Force officer. CIA should have final operational authority.

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