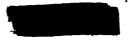


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MERIORANDUM FOR GENERAL PUTT

SUBJECT: AQUATORS

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 organisation to act as their material headquarters throughout AQUATONE's life. This probably includes the procurement and handling of all specialised 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 organisations 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 GIA 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 material and GFE support required for overseas operations.
- c. That the Air Force participate in the operational phase of AQUATOME jointly with CIA under one responsible Air Force officer. CIA should have final operational authority.

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