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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DO (?)

SUBJECT : Responsibility for Operational Support to  
Project AEDEPOT (& OKWHIPPER, ARLEAP)

1. During the entire history of Project AEDEPOT, there has been a void where the assignment of responsibility for operational support to graduates should be. DOB's charter is to spot, recruit, train, and hold externally-held assets to satisfy JCS requirements. No one has been given the responsibility for readying the agents for operational missions and then directing them during such missions. As the agents are supposed to be operational 72 hours after a call-up, this problem clamors for attention and resolution.

2. Assignment of responsibility to specific components should be made to accomplish the following tasks:

- A. Document graduates for their operational target areas.
- B. Obtain and hold ready clothing appropriate to their target areas.
- C. Obtain and hold ready appropriate equipment including commo gear and operational tools.
- D. Direct the call-up and utilization of agents

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3. DOB in the past has unofficially attempted to make known to appropriate components the specific requirements which need satisfaction and has worked with them to partially accomplish the job. Good examples were FTXs SEARULER and SWIFTSTRIKE held in 1963 in Europe and the U.S. respectively. In preparation for these exercises, DOB <sup>acting as SR</sup> called and chaired numerous conferences attended by representatives of WPS, OC, OS, EE Division, TSD, SOD and CCS. Responsibilities were accepted by appropriate componenets and, to a large extent, requirements were satisfied. However, much remains to be done. Documentation is not complete. Clothing and equipment are not on hand.

4. It is recommended that responsibility for the accomplishment of the tasks listed in paragraph 2 be assigned to the appropriate operating divisions.

☐ Chief, DO/DOB ☐

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