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6 December 1955

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Personnel Officer**

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**SUBJECT: Personnel Requirements - Project AQUATONE**

1. In the course of a recent Logistical Planning Conference it became quite apparent that the logistical support for Project AQUATONE would completely fail unless the personnel for assignment to Detachment A and for assignment at [Redacted] are not acquired immediately.

2. As an example, [Redacted] is faced with the problem of assembling a fly-away kit for Detachment A. This kit has to be completed approximately 2 January 1956 and contains 6000 to 7000 line items. In addition, to merely storing items within the kit, stock record cards must be made up on each item as well as master locators and inventory lists. Concurrently, he must accept from the various contractors the spare parts being produced. He must receive, record, and bin these items. At the present time, [Redacted] has two (2) supply records specialists assigned. There are no warehouse personnel assigned. It becomes obvious that he will not meet his deadline date.

3. As a further example, and assuming that [Redacted] meet his deadline date and delivers the fly-away kit to Watertown on 2 January 1956, there will be no supply personnel with Detachment A to accept, operate, and maintain these kits. This means literally that Detachment A will start training without spare parts and without logistical support.

4. While I realize procurement of military personnel requires considerable time I feel it is necessary to re-emphasize our needs at this time. Logistical support of any operation is only as good as the personnel assigned to that function.

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