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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Finance Division**

**SUBJECT : Project AQUATONE Requirement for Gold**

The rapid expansion of the operational phase of Project AQUATONE has brought to light an immediate need for gold to be in the possession of certain covert project personnel who may be subjected to situations in locations where the only barter commodity readily available would be gold coins; therefore, I authorize project officials to request advances in gold as may be required from time to time. Such requests will be certified by the Project Controller and approved by the Project Director of Administration. The total value of all withdrawals may not exceed \$20,000.00 without receiving further authorization.

**RICHARD M. BISSELL, Jr.**  
Project Director

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