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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

SUBJECT : Recommendations for AQUATONE Planning Pertinent to Soviet Anniversary of 7 November

1. As you are aware, 7 November is the fortieth anniversary of the Communist party as the ruling element in the Soviet Union. That the U.S.S.R. may engage in unusual activities on or about this time for purposes of propaganda or otherwise to indicate its achievements in the scientific/military field is rather commonly accepted in the IAC agencies.

2. It is the opinion of OSI that, coincident with the 7 November date, we will see again [redacted] ICBM or ESV firings at Tyura Tam and that, because of this, we should proceed immediately with operational planning for AQUATONE coverage of Tyura Tam aimed at coverage prior to launch.

3. Attached as Tabs A and B respectively are: 1) a statement of justification for coverage of Tyura Tam [redacted] ICBM or ESV firing; and 2) overlays showing geographic areas which should be covered by AQUATONE in any recovery effort against Tyura Tam.

4. On the basis of the above, it is recommended that:

- a. ARC approval to this proposal be sought.
- b. Upon ARC approval, Operations should proceed with appropriate planning.

c. OSI be designated as the responsible party to assess [redacted] Tyura Tam and, in conjunction with the Project Intelligence Officer, inform the Project Director at such time as AQUATONE Operations against Tyura Tam should be launched.

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2 Attachments
TAB A - on [redacted]
TAB B

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