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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Project AQUATONE

SUBJECT: Assignment of [ ] as Project AQUATONE Comptroller

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1. I understand a question has been raised concerning whether or not contracts and other financial documents pertaining to Project AQUATONE should be signed by myself or a representative attached to my immediate office. In May 1955 subject individual was recommended by me as an official representative of the Comptroller's Office capable of handling the financial and related functions of Project AQUATONE on my behalf. After receipt of your concurrence an appropriate delegation of authority was issued and circulated under date of 12 May 1955 notifying appropriate officials in the Agency that the Comptroller functions for Project AQUATONE would be handled on behalf of the undersigned by [ ] who had been appointed Certifying Officer and appropriately bonded.

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2. As I am sure you are aware, the certifications made by a Comptroller type employee must be factual and supportable with books of record and other documentation containing precise data and calculable figures. At the time of subject's appointment, the volume of work in Project AQUATONE had reached the point where I personally could no longer handle the details of the Project functions. My signature on any figures at this point emanating from Project AQUATONE would be affixed upon reliance of the abilities of [ ] and other personnel assigned by me to your Staff.

3. The DD/S, Office of Personnel, Logistics Office, and Security Office likewise recommended specialists to you to support AQUATONE as a separate echelon, for the most part, from the rest of the Agency to enhance security, and furnish mobility for the undertaking which we all felt was and continues to be a paramount importance.

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E. R. SAUNDERS  
Comptroller

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