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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

SUBJECT : Procurement of Special Equipment (Project

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1. Reference is made to a conversation between the Director of Logistics and [Redacted], TSS/APD, on 23 January 1957, concerning the unusual security circumstances surrounding the procurement of special equipment required under Project [Redacted]

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2. The equipment to be developed under [Redacted] is based on principles embodied in equipment produced for AQUATONE, and the contractor selected for [Redacted] is the same contractor who contributed materially to AQUATONE in this field.

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3. Since the nature of the development is such that it will inevitably be associated with AQUATONE, the Security Officer of AQUATONE has insisted that any approach to their contractor for the development of this new equipment should follow the same channels and procedures which they have set up.

4. In view of the above, TSS understands it is required to proceed with the procurement of equipment for [Redacted] through procurement channels established for AQUATONE. Except in extraordinary instances, such as the above, TSS sees no reason for disturbing the existing satisfactory arrangements with your Office under which contracts for the TSS Research & Development Program are currently negotiated.

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Chief, DD/P/TSS

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