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1. WITH TRANSITION OF OPERATIONS FROM NAVY TO [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] AREA, COMMENCING 30 SEPTEMBER 1966, COS [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT PROPOSAL OF [REDACTED] PROJECT TO [REDACTED] IS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME AND RUNS SERIOUS RISK OF FLAT TURN DOWN. COS SUGGESTS, AND WE CONCUR IN, DELAY OF 3 TO 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO INITIATING PROJECT. THIS WILL PERMIT U.S. AND [REDACTED] PERSONNEL TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS, IRON OUT MAJOR PROBLEMS IN OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND SETTLE INTO SMOOTH ROUTINE. DELAY ELIMINATES RISK OF JEOPARDIZING OTHER JOINT [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES AND COMPLETE DISAPPROVAL OF [REDACTED] PROJECT. THEREFORE, DO NOT VISIT [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME. ALSO DO NOT REQUEST NAVY SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT IN VIEW OF FOREGOING.

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2. [REDACTED] WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ADVISED BY ONI, AT REQUEST OF [REDACTED] OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS. THEREFORE, DO NOT DISCUSS WITH THE ADMIRAL PENDING [REDACTED] ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, NO OBJECTION TO GENERAL BRIEFING OF THE ADMIRAL ON DETAILS OF METRICAL TRAP AND DESIRABILITY OF ENGAGING IN SOME SORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE FUTURE IN THE [REDACTED]

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