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To whom it may concern:

I am a freelance researcher and ship modeller who builds and operates radio controlled scale model vessels. I specialize in submarine and torpedoboat warfare from the American Revolution to the American Civil War, sort of early-age covert operations. I have an interest in latter-day covert ops as well, and that is why I am writing.

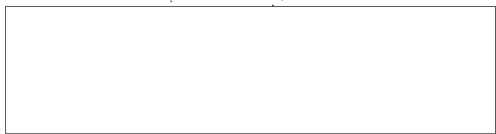
During WW II, the SOE and OSS designed a piece of equipment which I think could make an interesting model. It was called the Motorized Submersible Canoe, code-named Sleeping Beauty. It was later adopted by the CIA.

I have seen a few vague photos and drawings, but I am writing to ask if you have any detailed plans/photos I can obtain to build an accurate model of the MSC. Also, was the device ever actually used operationally?

I hope you can help me and I thank you for any information you can give me. Of course, if the Agency ever decides to use it again, I spent six years in the Navy and have Confidential, Secret, Top Secret and Cryptographic clearances. But that was [redacted] years ago and I'm getting a little long in the tooth...

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Thanks again.



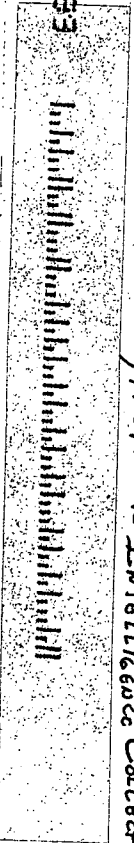
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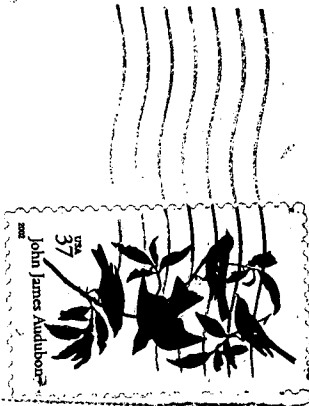
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