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MEMORANDUM

From: OP-04

To: 00

Via: 09

Subj: Reindeer Station

1. The Military Construction Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee has requested a briefing on Reindeer Station, in connection with the \$5.4 MILCON project which they are being asked to approve as part of this year's MILCON bill.

2. I have discussed this situation with our principal witness for the MILCON hearings, RADM Enger, and with RADM Fitzpatrick to arrange the briefing. He proposes to have a short briefing by Captain L. Capone, of OP-94, showing the Navy's communication system and demonstrating the need for coverage in the subject area.

3. If questions are raised as to the purpose or extent of the project, I propose that we reply along the following lines:

a. Regarding the nature of the station:

"This request is for the funding of an austere communication facility and its minimal support."

b. Regarding dredging:

"The dredging that is included (in a future increment) is to accommodate the regular logistic ships that will bring fuel and operating supplies to the station."

c. Regarding future plans:

"None at this time. However, the present project would provide a reduced lead-time capability for subsequent expansion in the event of other defense requirements."

d. If pressed exceptionally hard on urgency:

"There are other factors which make this project very urgent." (One member of the House Subcommittee has received a special briefing, and it is anticipated that the same will be true of the Senate Subcommittee.)

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4. Your approval of the replies proposed in paragraph 3 is requested.

70:04 5-5-70 Very respectfully,

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