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UNITED STATES NAVY  
OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
Washington, D.C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Science and  
Technology

SUBJECT: Conclusion of Preliminary Federal Inquiry -  
Subsurface Incident at La Jolla Coastal Site,  
La Jolla, California

In accordance with Naval Intelligence Directive 43-A, a multidisciplinary team deployed on 20 March has concluded the preliminary investigation into the fatal diving incident reported by the Marine Biological Association of San Diego [REDACTED]: MBA-1439-02). The findings, while incomplete, are sufficiently extraordinary in nature to warrant immediate elevation to strategic priority status.

Environmental analysis, diver recovery logs, and recovered apparatus exhibit deviations from expected physiological, chemical, and navigational norms. These deviations, coupled with discrepancies in the testimonies of on-site personnel, strongly suggest the presence of unidentified subsurface phenomena of unknown origin and operational consequence.

While conclusive scientific assessment remains pending, the Commission has reached a consensus recommendation that federal presence be established at the MBA facility without delay. Such presence should be maintained under civilian

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pretense and with the full support of Naval cryptologic and oceanographic divisions. This course of action is necessary to preserve site integrity, ensure chain-of-custody for recovered materials, and prevent dissemination of sensitive findings beyond secure channels.

Operational suggestions include, but are not limited to:

1. Activation of a coastal research annex under War Department funding lines
2. Requisition of MBA personnel under non-disclosure classification (Class B, revised)
3. Establishment of a joint scientific-intelligence working group under provisional codename [REDACTED]

In summary, this matter exceeds the scope of standard maritime incident review and is assessed as having direct implications for national security and scientific advancement. Your authorization is urgently requested to initiate [REDACTED] response measures.

Respectfully,

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Naval Scientific Liaison  
Pacific District Intelligence  
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