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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
Scientific Division  
Washington, D.C.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Acting Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
TO: Director, Operations Section - Pacific  
REF: MBAR/1909-F/202 (Board Report, 19 Feb. 1910)

SUBJECT: Establishment of Special Task Force 079 and Associated Directives

1. In response to the Board's final recommendation, as transmitted under cover of Ref. MBAR/1909-F/202, the establishment of Special Task Force 079 has been formally approved by the Naval Science Oversight Committee, effective 28 February 1910. This Task Force shall operate under direct supervision of this office until further reorganization is deemed necessary.

2. STF-079 shall be composed of two operative subdivisions:

a. STF-079-1: tasked with continuation of deep marine anomaly study, biological effects mapping, and containment protocol development. Operative codename NEREUS

b. STF-079-2: tasked with intelligence suppression, internal vetting, and asset concealment. This unit shall maintain liaison with the Domestic Censorship Office as needed. Operative codename KRYPTOS

3. For the purposes of external observance and civil documentation, the Scripps Institution for Biological Research shall be chartered under federal grant authority and serve as nominal successor entity to the Marine Biological Association of San Diego. All personnel transfers and facility modifications are to be executed under auspices of academic reorganization.

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With regard to the Board recommendation in reference report, request you advise at earliest practicable time of your specific planned action on each of the following directives and their estimated date of completion:

1. Reallocation of Personnel and Acquisition of Site Adjuncts

a. Concur

b. Concur. Expedite transfer of all cleared MBASD staff to provisional SIBR contracts

c. Concur. Survey and requisition two additional outbuildings for KRYPTOS ops staging (La Jolla Heights or vicinity)

d. Concur

2. Containment Infrastructure Enhancements (Facility Code: [REDACTED])

a. Concur with Conditions. Prior incident reports indicate high saline instability in recovered material. Advise reassessment of storage protocols before construction proceeds

b. Concur

c. Review Required. Procurement delay expected from Bureau of Naval Construction; recommend interim safeguards under provisional Quarantine Act authority

Please respond with implementation schedule no later than 17 March 1910, for forwarding to Secretary's office.

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Acting Deputy Director for  
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