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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
ATTN: CDR Edward J. Melanson, Jr., USN
Policy Plans and National Security Council Affairs

SUBJECT: Draft DoD Directive, "Special Warnings to Mariners"

Subject draft which was forwarded by SD Form 106 on 14 October 1976 has been reviewed. Our comments on an earlier draft were provided in Serial N1190, 29 September 1976. Recommendations made at that time seeking to improve the draft have been partially adopted. We continue to believe that the following comments, which are consistent with our earlier comments, will benefit the draft. Accordingly, we concur with the present draft subject to the following modifications:

Section V. Criteria

1. Revise first sentence of sub-paragraph C.1.a. as follows:

"a. ~~All~~ DoD components will ~~promulgate internal procedures whereby~~ make available information which is germane to the safety of U.S. mariners ~~is made available~~ to the Department of State by the most expeditious means."

RATIONALE: The text of this suggested change is consistent with the information handling content of the General Responsibilities. The specific responsibility to promulgate procedures is set forth in V.C.2.a.

2. Delete sub-paragraph C.1.d.

RATIONALE: Statement properly appears later in V.C.2.c.

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3. Delete sub-paragraphs V.C.2.d., e., and f.

RATIONALE: Preceding sub-paragraphs V.C.2.a., b., and c., sufficiently prescribe procedural responsibilities. Deletions suggested because they involve needless organizational detail.

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M/R: Earlier NSA comments (Serial N1190, 29 September 1976) were partially adopted in this second draft, but curiously for no apparent reason were not fully adopted. This response seeks to repair matter. The suggested textual deletions (V.C.2.d.,e., and f) cover extensive details as to how the JCS (V.C.2.d.), the OASD/DDI (V.C.2.e.) and the Director, Defense Mapping Agency (V.C.2.f.) should meet their responsibilities under the directive. Such wealth of detail is appropriate for internal Agency regulations, which must be forwarded to ASD (ISA) within 90 days, but not in the basic DoD Directive.

This response based upon and is consistent with comments provided by Chief, V, in Serial V/255/76, 9 November 1976.

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