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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Admiral, Navy Staff, British Joint Services Mission (2)

Subj: Scientific Conference and a Review of U. S. Navy Plans for
a sound surveillance line [redacted]

Ref: (a) CNO TS ltr ser 00611/P31 of 11 Oct 1955 JS 3.3(b)(5)
(b) BJEM TS ltr ser B.N.S. 0042/53 of 21 Dec 1955 Navy 3.3(b)(1), (6)

1. Reference (a) extended an invitation to the Royal Navy to participate
in a scientific conference in Washington in late February 1956 to deal
with scientific matters pertaining to the proposed [redacted]

Reference (b) [redacted]
reference (a) and suggested that the scientific conference should
commence on Monday, 5 March taking approximately 3 days and to
immediately by a policy conference of about 2 days.

2. Since reference (a) was written, the U. S. Navy has made a
to commence advance planning in support of the surveillance line
follows:

- a. To conduct [redacted] surveys in the area in the summer of 1956
- b. To construct two [redacted] stations in [redacted] in the summer of 1958,
one on the [redacted] and one on the [redacted]
- c. [redacted]

Cable contained repeaters will be available by 1958 making long cable
runs feasible.

3. It can be seen that this advance planning will encounter a number
of difficult problems such as: the political implications of site
selection, the fishing industry problems, and the procurement of ships
capable of conducting surveys.

4. The decision to in effect move the program back one year was based
on a desire to complete our present program as scheduled before pro-
ceeding with a new program and to allow enough time for political
negotiations with [redacted]

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5. In view of the above, and in answer to reference (b), it does not seem that a policy conference in March of 1956 would be of value, since our planning is just getting underway and there is no great urgency connected with making policy decisions. Further, any decisions that might be made at such a conference would be long range and subject to change prior to implementation. However, as pointed out in reference (a) the scientific conference would be of great value since the past year has witnessed many exercises, trials, and scientific achievements that might well be discussed to the advantage of both the USN and RN.
6. Consequently, it is recommended that a scientific conference commence in Washington on 5 March 1956, as proposed by the Admiralty, and extend for approximately 2 or 3 days followed by a short period to agree on the minutes before departure of the conference, but that the policy conference be postponed until it may be of value to us both.
7. Should the Admiralty concur with the proposal in paragraph 6, it is requested that you deal directly with the Chief of Naval Research (who has agreed to act as host and coordinator for the conference) in regard to agenda, the names of those who are expected to attend, and other details.
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