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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Projects

SUBJECT : Prognosis for RV-3 Recovery Operations

1. Discussion with OP-23 (Capt. Lacombe) today indicated that sea conditions in the operating area are not good: 20-25 knots of wind and sea swells of 9-11 feet.

2. Navy discussions this afternoon among OP-23, ComSub Pac, and "higher authorities" in the Pentagon have determined that the Integrated Operating Unit will return to Pearl Harbor as soon as possible, replenish and have a short period of crew R&R prior to returning to the operating site about 17 February. Navy has ruled out any cancellation of the project at this time.

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