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MEMORANDUM FOR COP

SUBJECT: BOFIEND Propaganda Vessel

1. Attached are the descriptions of four vessels which the British recommend for consideration for subject employment.

2. Of the four, "L'EXAMINE" is considerably more suitable for envisaged duties than the others; it is less conspicuous, carries the most space for crew, passengers and supplies, has auxiliary sail propulsion to offset a disadvantage of one-screw and already has two 230 volt Diesel generators installed (presumably A.C.). It's copper-sheathed wood hull makes it acceptable for grounding radio equipment.

3. SOO states the Communications Division considers "L'EXAMINE" feasible and believe they can install a "T" antenna thereon and cancel the kytoon idea which, from the mariners point of view, is very undesirable.

4. I recommend:

a. [] be instructed to inspect the vessel in company with the British and to cable his recommendations as to its purchase in light of condition of the hull, machinery and equipage.

b. Interested parties arrive at a joint agreement as to which service will:

- (1) Evolve the cover for purchase and operation;
- (2) Defray the purchase price;
- (3) Arrange settlement, transfer, licenses, etc.;
- (4) Defray the operating costs, including insurance, upkeep, maintenance and crew;
- (5) Be seized of initial and final responsibility for disposing of the vessel, and the conditions thereof, upon suspension or termination of BOFIEND utilization.

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c. SOO be authorized to arrange for the acquisition and shipment of required radio equipment, costs of same to be considered in arriving at the joint agreement.

[
Naval Support Officer
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