

14 November 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, TSS/LB/SS

SUBJECT: Aerojet Minisub and Semi-submersible Skiff

REFERENCE: [redacted] Subject: Disposal of Experimental Equipment, dated 22 October 1957.

1. Paragraph 6a of reference recommends that the Minisub Mark VI be dropped from accountability and, [redacted] be used for recreational purposes, or be modified for playground use. The Minisub was shipped to FE at its request for test and evaluation. WAD tested and evaluated the Minisub Mark VI and recommended it as unsuitable as an operational item due to its bulk, weight, and fragility. WAD concurs that the item be used as above or destroyed and requests WAD be relieved of accountability.

2. Paragraph 6b of reference recommends that all useful equipment be salvaged from the interior of the Skiff, and that the remainder and the hull be taken out to sea and destroyed and sunk with demolitions. The Skiff was shipped to FE at its request for test and evaluation. WAD concurs with FE that the unit be sunk after salvaging useful equipment. This concurrence with FE's recommendation is due solely to the apparently poor material condition of the unit, as described in reference, and also cost of shipping the Skiff to headquarters. WAD concurs that the item be destroyed and requests that it be relieved of accountability. A duplicate boat is available here.

3. It is recommended that the following components of the Skiff be salvaged and shipped to Headquarters, ATTN: TSS/WAD:

- a. 3 compressed air bottles
- b. compass
- c. fathometer instrument only

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d. Spare parts shipped with Skiff. (It is recommended that spare parts be returned if apparently in good condition or in original boxes.

- e. plastic dome
- f. blower
- g. Rudder and rudder parts which are easily demounted.
- h. propeller
- i. Snorkel tubes

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Chief, TSS/WAD

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ATTACHMENT:

[redacted] 22 Oct '57

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