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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Field Research Laboratory,
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1. A review of reference a) has been conducted, and there does not seem to be any reflected revision from the current instruction held on file. Could an error have been made in distribution?

2. The current instruction was implemented at this command through a NMFRL directive tailored to specific local requirements, and is working satisfactorily. However, the need to submit a formal request through the cumbersome procedures as outlined in paragraph 5 is not clear or easy to determine. Literally interpreting the instruction to mean "any proposed procedure coming within the purview of this instruction" could increase the lead time of very low risk minor projects by months while waiting administrative action. To further frustrate the situation, many of these projects are directives of higher authority. Also, what role does the approved 1498/protocol play? Could the whole bundle be tied together and streamlined for practical day-to-day application?


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