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From: Secretary of the Navy  
 To: Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Medical Center, Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut 06340

Subj: Authorization to use human volunteers in the Phase II evaluation of the British Mark VII Submarine Escape Immersion Equipment

Ref: (a) CO NSMC ltr Ser: 1521 of 6 December 1968 with endorsements

Your request has been reviewed and the use of volunteer personnel is approved subject to the following precautionary action. The conduct of this test and evaluation by the Submarine Medical Center for the Deep Submergence Systems Project requires the coordination and cooperation of a number of Navy shore and fleet activities. Prior to conducting the test and evaluation escapes at sea a comprehensive test plan covering all aspects of the operation, including safety, must be submitted to and approved by the Chief of Naval Operations.

Information identifying the potential hazards to the volunteers must be carefully presented to each subject and incorporated in or attached to the volunteer's written consent statement. Volunteers must have the capacity to give legal consent.

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