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15 May 1945.

Memorandum For: Rear Admiral G. P. Russey, Jr., USN

Via: Lieut. Commander Hudson Moore, Jr., USNR

Subject: Pumpkin Production

Reference: (a) Parsons' teletype TA-1274 of 8 May

Enclosure: (A) 6 prints Drawing Y-1843 D-1 "D" change

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1. In reference (a) it was proposed that the Bureau of Ordnance let a contract with Consolidated Steel Company of Los Angeles or with Western Pipe and Steel Company in Los Angeles for the production of a total of one thousand metal shells for so-called "Pumpkins". These two companies are now in small-scale production of these pumpkin shells for C.I.T. It is understood by Captain Parsons that on 14 May approval was given by Rear Admiral Kitts for BuOrd production of the above pumpkin shells and loading of these shells at NAD McAlester.

2. The present practice of C.I.T. is to furnish special crates impregnated with fire resistant material, for shipment of the empty pumpkins to McAlester and to be used for shipping the loaded pumpkins from McAlester. Enclosure (A) indicates a design of a crate similar to those used by C.I.T. It is recommended that until a better design of crate is developed, that the C.I.T. crate be procured by BuOrd and used for all pumpkin shipments.

3. On 13 to 15 May there has been considerable discussion from Captain Parsons through Lieut. Hayden to BuOrd officials concerned with temporary storage and shipments via the U. S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, California. The principal question involved was the handling of quantities of loaded pumpkins up to a total of sixty, which amounts to approximately three hundred sixty thousand pounds of HBX. It is contemplated that these pumpkins would be loaded in gondola cars, five pumpkins to each car, and would be provided temporary barricaded storage in the inland area of the Port Chicago Magazine. Shipments of pumpkins would amount to sixty per month. It is possible that more than one shipment per month could be arranged if the accumulation of loaded pumpkins caused difficulty either at NAD McAlester or at Port Chicago.

4. The complete pumpkin assembly will include a tail complete with belts, and a suspension lug, which are being procured in the Detroit area. It is proposed to ship tails and lugs to match the loaded pumpkins, to the U. S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, for inert storage and loading, provided the Bureau approves this procedure.

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