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From: U.S. Navy Coastal Surveillance Center Officer, Coastal Surveillance Center, Qui Nhon, Vietnam
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Subj: Procedures and Safety Precautions Involving Under-Water Searches by U.S. Navy Divers for Security Purposes; promulgation of
Ref: (a) Commander Coastal Surveillance Force Vietnam, Operation Order 302-YR

1. Purpose.

a. To prevent divers from being endangered by guards, unauthorized personnel, ships and small boats during diving operations.

2. Background. The U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team, under the direct operational control of the Coastal Surveillance Center, Qui Nhon, (LOCAL 461) has been directed by reference (a) to inspect the anchor chains and underwater hulls of all U.S. and friendly flag shipping in the port of Qui Nhon, RVN, on a recurring basis to prevent mining and sabotage by the Viet Cong. In order that divers lives are not endangered during diving operations, it is imperative that all concerned adhere to the requirements set forth below.

3. Procedures.

a. Ships.

(1) All ships shall ensure the following is completed prior to and during the time divers are in the water.

- (a) Lock shafts
- (b) Secure sea suction
- (c) Inform entire ship's crew that divers will be in the water to prevent accidental shooting, grenades, etc.
- (d) Ensure nothing is thrown over the side while divers are in the water.

b. Piers.

(1) The following shall be adhered to by security guards and other personnel working in the pier area.

- (a) Ensure that all guards and personnel are informed that divers will be in the water, prior to divers entering the water.
- (b) All ships along side will take precautions listed in paragraph 3A.

c. Diving Officer.

(1) The diving officer or senior diving petty officer will ensure the following is accomplished prior to placing divers in the water.

(a) That all precautions listed in this instruction have been taken prior to placing divers in the water.

(b) Ensure all safety precautions pertaining to divers are adhered to at all times in accordance with the U.S. Navy Diving Manual.

(2) He will be in complete charge of all phases of the diving operation, unless the category of the incident or job requires immediate action, he shall not allow divers to be unnecessarily endangered.


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