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1. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, TO OUR NATION AND TO THE NAVY. IT IS A MATTER OF PERSONAL CONCERN TO ME AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT NAVYMEN EVERY WHERE SHARE THIS CONCERN.

2. TO DO OUR PART, WE HAVE ON-GOING HARDWARE-ORIENTED PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5B PROGRAMMED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THESE WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE FLEET ON A SLOW BUT STEADY SCHEDULE AS EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY PERMITS. IN THE INTERIM, WE SIMPLY MUST FIND OTHER WAYS TO ASSIST IN THE RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM WHICH ALL MANKIND SHARES.

3. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REQUIREMENTS OF THOSE WORKING ON ECOLOGICAL MATTERS IN OUR OWN AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS IS COLLECTION OF INFORMATION. OUR SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT, BY THE NATURE OF THEIR OPERATIONS, ARE IN UNIQUE POSITION TO COLLECT RELEVANT DATA FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD MUCH IN THE MANNER THAT OUR BT DROPS FURNISH VALUABLE OCEANOGRAPHIC

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DATA ESSENTIALLY UNAVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES. LARGE OIL SLICKS, UNUSUAL AMOUNTS OR KINDS OF DEBRIS, NON-TYPICAL MARINE LIFE PATTERNS SUCH AS LARGE NUMBERS OF DEAD WHALES, AND INDEED EVEN CERTAIN WIND AND AIR POLLUTION PHENOMENA, PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND LOCATED, CAN BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE EXPANSION AND ANALYTICAL USE OF THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENTAL DATA BASE.

4. THEREFORE, AS A FIRST STEP, I HAVE DIRECTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW REPORT, THE "ECOLOGY SPOT REP", TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SELF-DESTRUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT. THE ACTION WILL BE TESTED BY SELECTED UNITS IN EACH FLEET, REPORTING ON AN AS OCCURRING, NOT TO INTERFERE BASIS AND WILL BE DIFFERENT BOTH IN SCOPE AND NATURE FROM EXISTING REPORTS SUCH AS THE NAVY OIL SPILL REPORT, AIR AND WATER REPORTS, ETC., FOR THE UNITS TESTING THIS NEW PROCEDURE, WE WILL CONSOLIDATE OUR PRESENT REPORTING SYSTEM SO AS NOT TO ADD TO THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS. I INTEND, AT THE END OF A FOUR TO SIX MONTH TRIAL PERIOD, TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE DATA COLLECTED TO ASSURE ANTICIPATED USEFULNESS IS REALIZED ~~AND~~ PRIOR TO REQUIRING SUCH REPORTS NAVY-WIDE.

5. THE DETAILS OF THIS NEW REPORT, AFFECTED UNITS, AND PERIODICITY

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WILL ALL BE FORTHCOMING THROUGH NORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS. IN THE MEANTIME, I URGE YOU ALL TO CONSIDER OTHER NEAR-TERM ECOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS THAT WE IN THE NAVY MIGHT UNDERTAKE. I AM DEVELOPING A PROGRAM OF ECOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES AND ACTIONS TO HELP GUIDE FUTURE EFFORTS. YOU, WHO WITH YOUR FELLOW-MEN WILL BE THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIARIES, CAN BE VALUABLE ASSISTANTS AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING THE HUMAN RACE. E. R. ZUMWALT, JR., ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

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