



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Subj: Special Operation Authorization; Request for (U)

Ref: (a) Section V.E. DoD Directive 5200.27 of 1 Mar 1971  
(b) Proposed DIRC Decision Memorandum (in draft)

1. (U) Reference (a) requires approval of the Chairman, Defense Investigative Review Council (DIRC) for covert penetration of civilian organizations within the United States. It is anticipated that reference (b) will extend DIRC authority overseas, but delegate authorization authority to addressee.
2. (S) It is requested that the Naval Investigative Service (NAVINSERV) be authorized to continue the conduct of a Special Operation, code name SHORT CIRCUIT, targeted against the People's House (PH), Okinawa, Japan, which is the headquarters for the local chapters of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW/WSO), Pacific Counselling Service (PCS), and the National Lawyer's Guild (NLG). The VVAW/WSO, the PCS, the NLG and other dissident elements associated with the PH have fomented activities inimical to Navy and Marine Corps interests, and have correspondingly threatened operational security, readiness, and capability. SHORT CIRCUIT was initiated on 12 January 1973, with the authorization of the Director, Naval Investigative Service. A paramount consideration involved in the planning of this operation was the fact that no other U.S. Government agency located on Okinawa was available to collect threat information posed by the PH. The following assessment sets forth the rationale for this request.

a. Threat Assessment - The PH is only one of three existing facilities of the target organizations on Okinawa, with the other two being the United Front (UF) and the Women's House (WH). At the present time there are four activists on Okinawa that spend their time at any one of the three outlets. They are Allan Ramo,

and . . . Of special note is that historically the activists on Okinawa, or elsewhere, frequently draw upon the resources of the activists located in other areas in Japan, and similarly travel to assist each other.

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Informant T-1 advised that b7c was the former President of the National  
Lumber's Guild. The National Lumber's Guild has been cited by the House  
Committee on Un-American Activities, as a Communist Front Organization. Confidential

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