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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director, Division of Plans and Policies.

Subject: Mobilization Requirements for Women Marines.

1. The interim report of the Board to study the requirements for and procurement of civilian facilities that could be used for Mobilization Training of Women Marines is referred to you for comment and recommendation.

2. Specific comment is desired on the following points:

(a) Before we proceed further, should we clear this matter with the Navy Department or the cognizant agency of the Department of Defense? Have we the authority to proceed with unilateral arrangements?

(b) Enclosure (A) to the report indicates the proposed organization for the training of women officers and recruits. It is noted that for officer training provision is made for both an OCS and an ROC. This was the organization first used for training male officers during World War II. It was found from experience that better results could be obtained by combining the instruction in OCS and ROC into one school called the Platoon Commanders School. Candidates were not commissioned until completion of this school. Under the previous system candidates were commissioned after completion of OCS. There was a tendency to coast through ROC. Also there was the additional disadvantage of the increased overhead for two schools instead of one. The Platoon Commanders School which evolved from the OCS and ROC was very successful in 1945. Your comment is requested in this connection.

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