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From: The Chief of Naval Operations.
 To: All Bureaus, Boards and Offices of the
 Navy Department.

Subject: Establishment of a Radiological Safety
 Program for the Navy.

1. In order to cope with the full implications of atomic warfare, and to discharge to the fullest extent the Naval responsibilities for the conduct of tests, experiments, and development in atomic weapons, including the completion of Naval aspects of Operation CROSSROADS, it is necessary that an organization and a program for radiological safety be established within the Navy with the least practicable delay.

2. The radiological safety program will involve procurement and training of personnel, design and procurement of instruments and special equipment, establishment of safety policies, standards, and regulations, research in decontamination procedures and physiological effects and their treatment, and other aspects peculiar to this safety hazard. It is desired that the organizational structure be laid down at an early date in order that the Bureaus and offices of the Navy Department may proceed along well defined lines of action in the discharge of their respective responsibilities.

3. The following general areas of cognizance and responsibility are hereby established:

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Areas of Cognizance and Responsibility for Establishment and Execution of
 Radiological Safety Program

- CNO - (a) Establish policies with respect to:
- (1) Organization.
 - (2) Equipment.
 - (3) Personnel qualifications, assignment, and training.
 - (4) Educational program for the Navy.
- (b) Coordinate Bureau activities

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- BuMed - (a) Establish safety tolerances and regulations.
(b) Determine physiological effects and develop treatment methods.
(c) Approve specifications for instruments to cover medical aspects.
- BuShips - (a) Develop and procure instruments for detection of radioactivity.
(b) Develop and procure equipment for individual and collective protection of personnel on shipboard.
(c) Develop methods and equipment for decontamination of ships.
- BuPers - (a) Establish training and educational programs and conduct schools.
(b) Establish and promulgate qualification standards of personnel assigned to Radiological Safety Program.
- BuOrd, BuAer - (a) Within their fields of cognizance set up coordinate
BuSandA and advisory activities to develop a well rounded decontamination and protection program for the Navy.
- BuDocks - (a) Develop and procure equipment for collective protection of personnel ashore.
(b) Develop methods and equipment for decontamination ashore.

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