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From: Technical Director, Naval Submarine Warfare Center

To: Mr. Wes Griffin, JT&E Program Office

Subj: JOINT PROTECTION OF HIGH-VALUE UNITS DURING MARITIME ESCORT
(J-PHUME) SPONSORSHIP

1. The Naval Submarine Warfare Center (NSWC) will serve as the lead sponsor for the Joint Protection of High-Value Units during Maritime Escort (J-PHUME) Joint Feasibility Study (JFS). By improving joint tactics, techniques, and procedures for the escort of high-value military and commercial vessels transiting strategic waterways, J-PHUME clearly falls within the guidelines for joint test and evaluation projects spelled out in DOD Directive 5010.41, and will provide clear benefits to all DOD stakeholders that rely on unrestricted access to the maritime environment.
2. As the lead sponsor, NSWC will provide a full-time Feasibility Study Director (FSD). Captain John Smith, USNR, has been identified as the FSD if J-PHUME is directed. To assist Captain Smith with day-to-day project management as well as finance and contract administration, we will assign additional government personnel to the JFS. NSWC will also provide access to subject matter experts to assist in developing JFS products.
3. Should J-PHUME be charted as a joint test, NSWC will provide an O-6 to serve as the joint test director as well as well as a test engineer/systems analyst to fill the technical director position for the joint test. NSWC will provide appropriate facilities, resources, and administrative support for personnel that are not co-located with the joint test unit hosting J-PHUME.
4. My staff has worked to help focus the J-PHUME nomination in coordination with OPNAV912, and believe it should be substantiated through a joint feasibility study and pursued through a subsequent joint test. My point of contact is Mr. Jerry Lamb, (860)694-4361.

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