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COMPLIANCE INQUIRY MEMORANDUM
NAVAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT GROUP PACIFIC
U. S. NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE
CORONADO, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
LOSS OF SUBMERSIBLE WRIST WATCH

CO:V:HEB

By letter dated August 13, 1965, the subject organization notified Region V of the loss of one submersible wrist watch. The watch was lost in 206 feet of water off the coast of California west of San Diego. A copy of the letter and attachment are enclosed. The letter does not contain information as to the isotope or quantity of material. In fact the letter does not mention a license number or even state that the lost equipment contained radioactive material.

On August 25, 1965, I telephoned Lt. Jos Meyer, Supply Officer at this facility. Lt. Meyer said the watch was luminous but he did not know the type of radioactive material present or the amount. He said he did not know anything about the license status of these watches. He said the report to the AEC was in accordance with a set of instructions which had been packed with the watch. At my request, Lt. Meyer looked for the instructions or other information on the watch and called back later in the day. He said he was unable to find any other information. He said that probably Central Supply in BuShips could supply the information.

Region V made a search of our files, and did not find any license authorizing use of luminous submersible watches by the Navy. If a license exists it is probably issued to Dept. of the Navy, Washington, D.C. A license does exist which authorizes luminous wrist compasses for underwater use.

Because of the location of the loss and the nature of the device, no hazard exists. We have no information to confirm that the wrist watch actually contained licensed material. Region V plans no further action on this matter and we consider the case closed.

Enclosure: Letter of 8-18-65
w/attachment

cc: L. Dubinski
R. G. Page
Region I/L

August 26, 1965

Jack R. Roeder, Chief, Materials Inspection &
Enforcement Branch, Headquarters

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS COMMAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

LICENSE NO. 8-5970-6

LOSS OF SUBMERSIBLE WRIST WATCH CONTAINING 2 mCi PM-147

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the telegram dated September 25, 1967, received from the licensee reporting the loss of a submersible wrist watch during diving operations at Norfolk, Virginia. Efforts to recover the wrist watch in water approximately 50 feet deep, were unsuccessful. Probable cause of the loss is believed to be due to the clasp working loose. Records at CG:I indicate the luminous watch contains 2 mCi PM-147.

Because the loss of this item does not represent a hazard to anyone, no further action will be taken by this office and the matter is considered closed.

Attachment:

Cy telegram dtd 9/25/67, w/completed record card

OFFICE ▶	COMPLIANCE					
SURNAME ▶	RYAN: cbe <i>CRK</i>					
DATE ▶	11/17/67					

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LOSS OF SUBMERSIBLE WRIST WATCH

ATTN: NAVSUPSYSCOM CODE Y1

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1. IN ACCORD REF A REPORT LOSS OF SUBMERSIBLE WRIST WATCH FSM
DA-36-038-AMC-1618(A) SER 0422 AT APPROX 211000ZZZZ.
2. LTJG W.H. O'Brien 687951/1105, EOD OFFICER, NOTICED WATCH MISSING
AFTER CONDUCTING
REQUAL DIVE 120 FEET SOUTH OF PIER GOWN NAVAL STATION, NORVA. DEPTH OF
WATER APPROX 50 FT. SEARCH RESULTS NEG DUE POOR BOTTOM VIS.
3. PROBABLE CAUSE OF LOSS DUE TO CLASP WORKING LOOSE AND SLIPPING
OFF WRIST.

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