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MEMORANDUM

To: 101
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Subj: Naval Relics.
Encl: (H.W.)
(A) Locations and Cost Data for Historical Relics.

1. A study of the Ships Data Book and discussions with the Naval Historical Section and the Judge Adjutant General's office indicate that in no place has the Navy listed all the ships that might be considered historical relics. The Ships Data Book, 1938 edition, applies the term "relic" to but three ships, the CONSTITUTION, the OREGON and the AMERICA. However, the additional ships listed in the enclosure, to all intents and purposes, are relics. Not included in the enclosure is the ex-German submarine, the U505, which was captured by Admiral Gallery, and it is understood that the city of Chicago (Admiral Gallery's hometown) is interested in procuring this ship from the Navy to use as an exhibit.

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COST DATA FOR HISTORICAL RELICS

<u>Type Desig.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Average Annual Maint.</u>	<u>Est. to Recon- dition & Restore (w/o overhead)</u>
IX13	HARTFORD	Inactive	PRNC	Norfolk	(2)Unknown	(3)\$1,000,000+
IX15	PRAIRIE STATE(1)	Active	3rd ND	Hudson River, New York	Unknown	Unknown
IX20	CONSTELLATION	Active	1st ND	Boston	\$21,000	(4)\$1,800,000
IX21	CONSTITUTION	Active	1st ND	Boston	\$21,800	(5)\$ 350,000
IX22	OREGON	Stricken	Guam	Guam	(2)Unknown	(6)Unknown
IX25	REINA MERCEDES(1)	Active	SRNC	Naval Academy	\$22,000	Unknown
IX40	OLYMPIA	Inactive	4th ND	Philadelphia	(2)\$4,000	Unknown

- (1) It is understood that the Chief of Naval Operations does not consider IX15 and IX25 to be historical relics.
- (2) The IX13, 22 and 40 are in caretaker status.
- (3) The official estimate for restoration of IX13 is "well in excess of \$1,000,000". If a firm estimate is desired, it is recommended that it be not less than \$1,500,000 (without overhead).
- (4) The estimate for reconditioning and restoring the IX20 (including overhead) is approximately \$3,600,000.
- (5) The IX21 has been restored; \$350,000 is the estimated cost to place the craft in good material condition. The expenditure of approximately \$90,000 in the 1950-1951 fiscal years is contemplated for repairs to the hull.
- (6) A rough estimate of \$1,000,000 was made in 1944 for restoration of the IX22.

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COST DATA FOR HISTORICAL RELICS (Cont'd)

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The comparative 1949 figure would be approximately \$2,000,000. However, the IX22 has been in caretaker status (without maintenance) at Guam for several years. Branch 516 considers that the present or future restoration cost would be considerably higher than \$2,000,000 (without overhead).