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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/COVER BRIEF

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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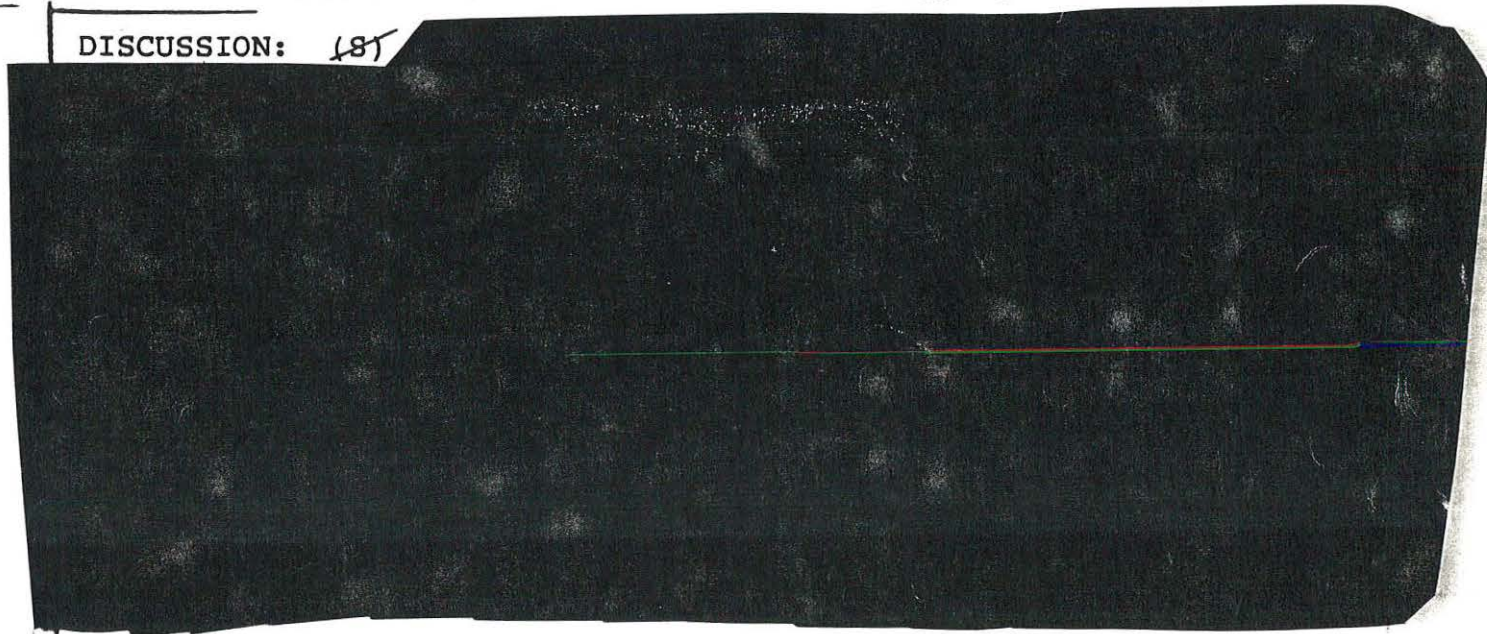
THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY *PW* 4 OCT 1989

FROM: Henry S. Rowen, ASD(ISA) *KSR* 06 OCT 1989

SUBJECT: Responding to Japanese Question on USS Ticonderoga Incident (U)

PURPOSE: ACTION--(U) SecDef decision on appropriate response

DISCUSSION: *18T*



RECOMMENDATION: (U) That SecDef approve response to GOJ and related public affairs guidance at Tab A. COORDINATION: NSC(Asia), State(EAP), USCINCPAC, and Ambassador to Japan Armacost concur. Navy has concurred through the military chain, but their formal reply is awaiting Under Secretary review next week.

SECDEF DECISION

- _____ Approved
- _____ Disapproved
- _____ Other: _____

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Reviewed by DASD(EAPA) *John Wright*

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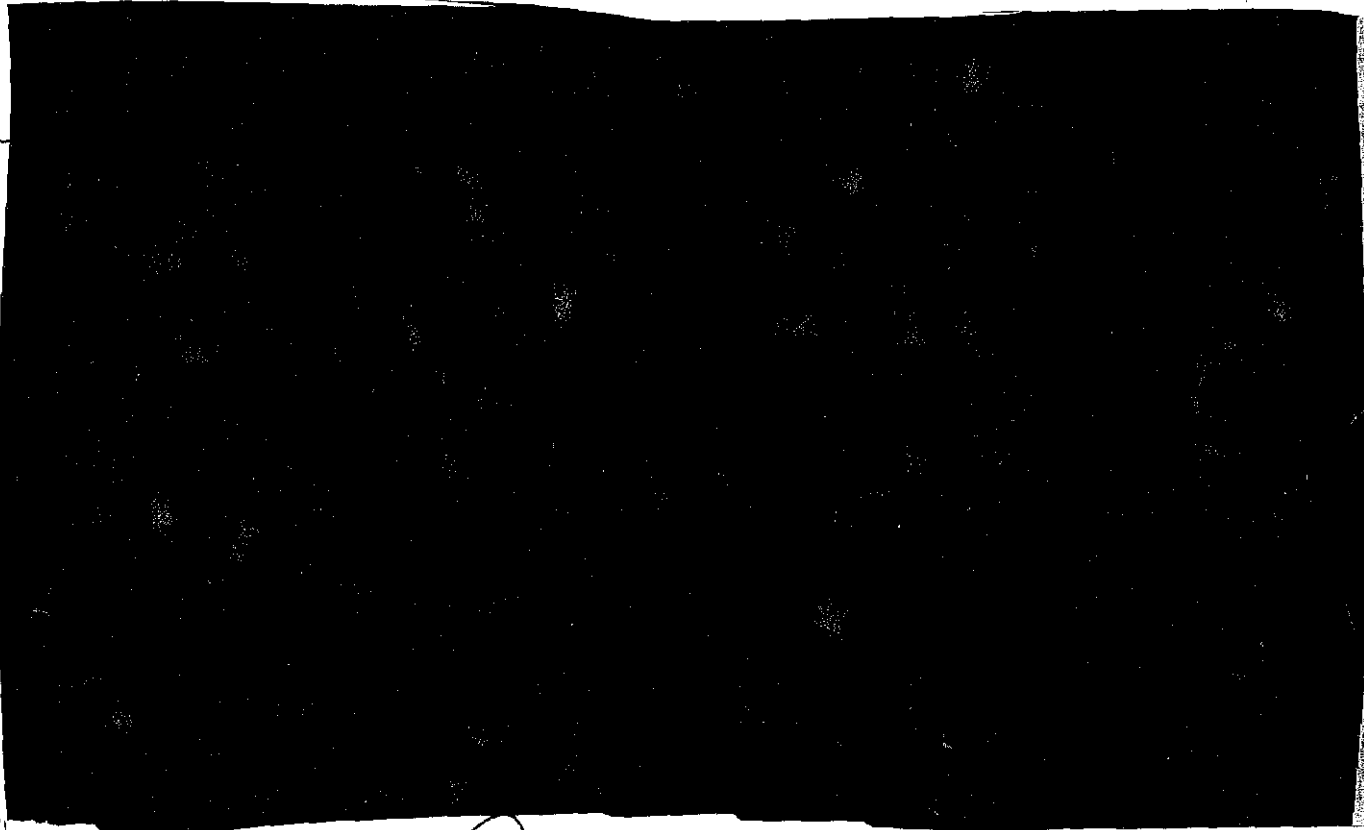
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SUBJECT: USS TICONDEROGA Incident

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THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY ^{PW}

24 OCT 1989

SUBJECT: Responding to Japanese Question on USS Ticonderoga
Incident (U) -- ACTION

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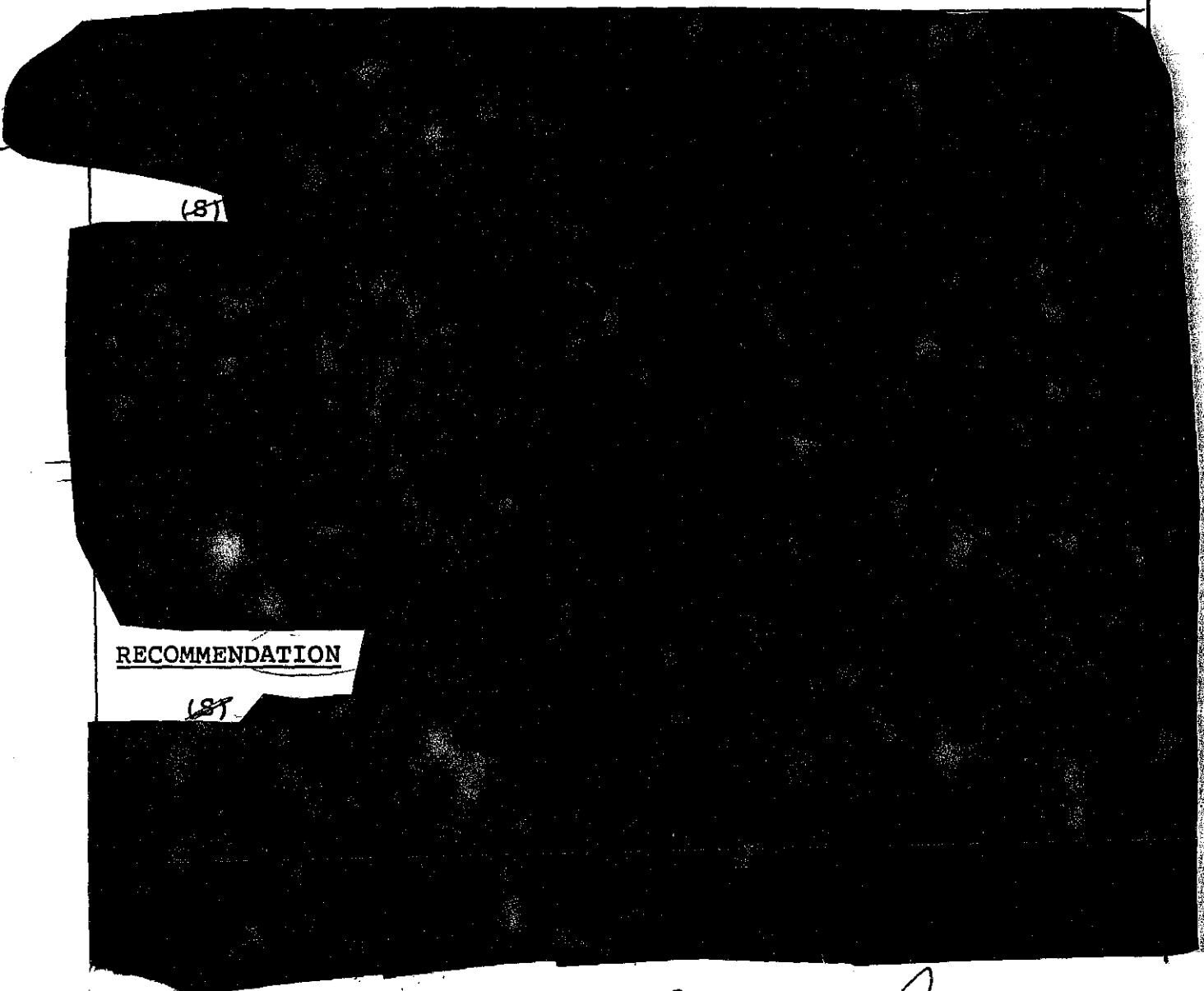
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RECOMMENDATION

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Attachments:

Tab A OSD/ISA recommended response

Tab C OSD/PA recommendation

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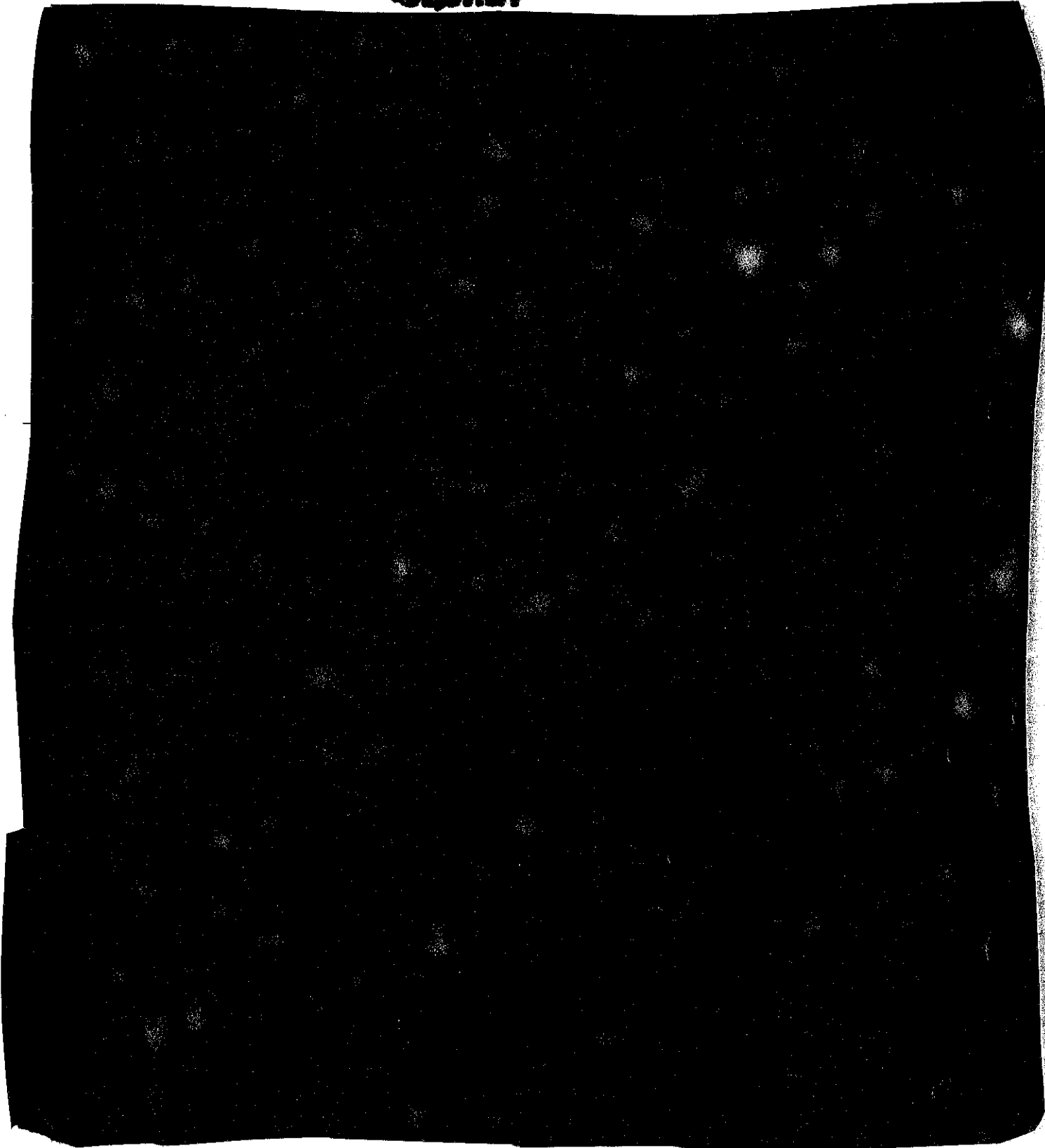
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