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MEMORANDUM

From: R. C. Parker, VADM
CG LANTAREA (LANT-00)

To: CGD NINE (d)

Subj: RETURN OF AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Ref: (a) Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25C
(b) CG SECTOR Detroit memo 1650 of 14 Dec 10
(c) CG SECTOR Detroit memo 1231 of 15 Dec 10
(d) CGD NINE end 1650 of 6 Jan 10 on CG SECTOR Detroit memo 1650 of 14 Dec 10
and memo 1231 of 15 Dec 10

1. The enclosed Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon (SOS) recommendation for OPERATION DRIFTING MASSES has been considered by the LANTAREA Awards Board. It is being returned to you for consideration for an appropriate military award under your delegated authority. While the contributions of everyone involved are most commendable and worthy of recognition, they do not, in the Board's opinion, meet the spirit of intent for the SOS. I concur with the Board's decision.

2. Authorization to wear the SOS for the period of December 2009 – March 2010 for OPERATION COAL SHOVEL is granted. Please convey my congratulations to all involved.

3. There is no citation connected with the issuance of the SOS ribbon. Please ensure that appropriate service record entries are completed.

4. Per reference (a), your request to delegate authority for the authorization of the SOS is denied.

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Enclosures: (1) OPERATION DRIFTING MASSES award package
(2) OPERATION COAL SHOVEL award package

Copy: CG SECTOR Detroit