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AVIATION PLANNING DIRECTIVE 101-A-44

From: CNO
To: ComAirPac
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Chief, Diver

Subj: TBF/TBM Aircraft Model Designations; establishment of.

Refs: (a) CNO conf Aviation Planning Directive 10-A-44 ser 013231
of 21 Jan 1944.
(b) CNO restr Aviation Planning Directive 91-A-44 ser
277231 of 17 Oct 1944.
(c) CNO restr Aviation Planning Directive 93-A-44 ser
314231 of 24 Oct 1944.

1. By refs (a), (b) and (c) the following model designations of
TBF/TBM aircraft have been established:

TBF/TBM-L/C - Reinforced wings and additional .50 calibre
wing guns, ASE Radar.

TBF/TBM-L/D - TBF/TBM-L/C equipped with AN/APS-3 radar.

TBF/TBM-L/CP - TBF/TBM-L/C equipped with Trimesteron camera.

TBM-3 - Improved model of TBM-LC with R-2600-20 engine,
ASE radar.

TBM-3P - TBM-3 equipped with Trimesteron camera.

2. The following additional designations are hereby assigned to the
models of subject aircraft which are modified as indicated below:

TBF/TBM-L/E - TBF/TBM-L/C equipped with AN/APS-4 radar in a
droppable package mounted on the starboard wing.

TBM-3D - TBM-3 equipped with AN/APS-3 radar.

TBM-3E - TBM-3 equipped with AN/APS-4 radar in a droppable
package mounted on the starboard wing.
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TBF/TBM-1L = TBF/TBM-1, -2G, -2D or -1E equipped with a searchlight mounted in the bomb bay.

TBM-3L = TBM-3, -3D or -3E equipped with a searchlight mounted in the bomb bay.

(Aircraft equipped with a wing mounted detachable searchlight will not be designated by the suffix "L" since this installation does not constitute a major modification.)

3. Activities which are modifying any of subject aircraft in accordance with the above designations will advise CNO (attention Cp-31-R) of the Bureau numbers of the aircraft so modified.

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CC:
Comm, AER-Corps
CommAirQuonset
CommAirNorfolk
CommAirWestCoast (2)
CommAirSanAme
CommAirSeattle
CommAirFarWestCoast
CommOEMAirWriting
CommPac
AirTask Branch Office, RAS, Quantico pt

Ass't OCEO (Air)
Op-31
Op-31-B (8)
Op-31-C (1)
Op-31-D
Op-31-E (2)
Op-31-R (2)
Op-32 (2)
Op-33 (2)
Op-34 (2)
Op-36
Op-36-P
Op-37 (3)

Spec Ass't (Mat.), BuAer

Ass't Chief, BuAer

Financial
Progress (2)
Production (25)
Procurement (2)

Contracts

Engineering (27)

Technical Data

Air. Spec's

Photographic (2)

Maintenance (50)

Special Devices

Military Req

Contract Term. (2)

Administration

Mail & Records
Files
Publications (3)

Procurement

BuAer
BuAer

Capt. Switzer, BuAer, RM 3161
Capt. Hoob, BuAer, RM 1150
Capt. Wood, BuAer, RM 2133 (2)
Capt. Hendrick, BuAer, RM 2113

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