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(A1-1) Habbakuks (Floating Airdromes for Asia Theatre) July 1942-January 1945
From: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
To: The Naval Aide to the President.
Subject: Submarine Tankers.

1. The suggested plan for a fuel carrying submarine is perfectly feasible, as is also the suggestion for conversion of an obsolescent submarine to such a purpose. However, we already have completed or underway the following submarines equipped for gasoline storage, with capacities as indicated:

- MARCHAL, NAUTILUS - 16,360 gallons each
- ARGONAUT - 22,930 gallons
- SS217 Class (24 SS) - 9,500 gallons

2. In emergency, any fleet submarine could, by cleaning tanks and installing a few necessary blank flanges, transport gasoline in normal fuel tanks.

3. All our obsolescent submarines for which conversion plans are not already underway, are not suitable for conversion to gasoline carriers due to construction, size and age.

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