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Subj: Model X-22A; establishment of model designation

Ref: (a) BUWEPSINST 13100.1A of 17 May 1961, Subj:
Model Designation of Naval Aircraft
(b) DOD Directive 4505.6 of 6 July 1962, Subj:
Designating, Redesignating and Naming
Military Aircraft

1. Purpose. This Supplement to reference (a) promulgates the model designation of the X-22A Research Aircraft.
2. Model Designation Establishment. The model designation of X-22A has been approved for the Tri-Service VTOL Research Aircraft manufactured by Bell Aerospace Systems Company (Manufacturer's code letters BC). The mission of this aircraft is to provide a vehicle to explore the mechanical and aerodynamic problems associated with the design, construction and test of the dual tandem, ducted propeller design and to evaluate its military potential including carrier flight deck operation and compatibility with the civil airways system. The aircraft serial numbers are not available at this time.
3. Information. It is noted that the X-22A designation does not conform with existing U.S Navy procedures for establishing model designations as outlined in reference (a), but is consistent with the uniform system of designating, redesignating and naming of military aircraft as outlined in reference (b).
4. Action. Effective immediately, all addressees concerned with Model X-22A Research Aircraft shall identify these aircraft in accordance with the subject model designation. This designation shall apply to all correspondence, aircraft service changes, specifications, records, publications and other official business.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. G. Hedrick", is located below the main text.

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