

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerry R. Schubel

FROM: Sidney Gelber

DATE: 7 April 1994

SUBJECT: MSRC Biennial Report

At its inception the expectations for Marine Sciences Research Center were guided by more traditional research objectives associated with oceanography. Our location and designation as the "state-wide" resource placed us in a position of potential leadership for future developments in marine sciences. However, it was not until the arrival of Jerry R. Schubel as Director in 1974 that a critical decision was made by him to commit MSRC to the serious pursuit of coastal oceanography with its associated problems and urgencies. Shortly, the Center developed innovative major graduate educational programs, research endeavors and service to the region around the focus of the coast with obvious relevance to the region of Long Island. Not only were all of our expectations fully achieved but in addition the Center gained international reputation for the quality of its academic programs and research, as well as a unique and significant resource in dealing with the problems of environment, water supply and pollution.

The remarkable thing is that these objectives have been achieved in such a relatively short period of time through the unique imagination and energies of its Director and Dean and his colleagues and students these past number of years.

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