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HANDLE WITH CARE

ABOUT "WEATHER SATELLITES" THAT WAS BEING RELEASED. IN CONTROL SYSTEMS
THE CASE OF THE STC IT IS THE OPENING UP THE NETWORK CENTER THAT
WILL BE FEATURED WITH ALL OF THE SPECULATION INCLUDED AS TO WHAT
THE NETWORK PRIMARILY DOES, AND WHY IT HAS BEEN CLOSED UNTIL NOW
TO THE NEWS MEDIA.

3. LAST - DR. McNICAS (OR ANY OTHER PRINCIPAL) WILL BE PLACED
IN EXACTLY THE POSITION WE DO NOT WANT HIM IN. HE EITHER HAS TO LIE
(AND HE WOULDN'T DO THAT) OR BE EMBARRASSED AND DECEPTIVE IN
PARRYING THE QUESTIONS REGARDING RECONNAISSANCE. THIS IS SUICIDE IN
THE PRESENT SOCIO/POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT.

III. SCF FILM

A. THE PROPOSED PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE SCF FILM WILL REVEAL THE
TOTAL SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITY CONTROLLING RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES.
INCLUDED ARE THE SCF NETWORK, HOW SCF WORKS OUT A MISSION FOR A
HYPOTHETICAL SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE IN POLAR ORBIT AT AN ALTITUDE OF
100 MILES AND ALL OF THE RECOVERY SEQUENCES IN DETAIL.

B. AS THE ONLY RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN EXISTENCE ARE NRO DRWS WITH
FILM, IT IS DECISIVELY DEBILITATING TO OUR PHOTO INTELLIGENCE
OPERATIONS TO ALLOW THIS ACTIVITY TO BE PARADED BEFORE PEOPLE WHO
HAVE NO NEED TO KNOW. WE HAVE BEEN AVOIDING ANY INFORMATION RELEASES
ON RECOVERY. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE GENERAL ACTIVITY ITSELF IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO TECHNICALLY CLASSIFY, THE TOTAL COMPOSITE OF THE SCF
NETWORK AND THE RECOVERY SEQUENCES SHOULD KEEP THAT FILM SECRET.
THE FILM SHOULD REMAIN FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH WE AGREED TO ITS
PRODUCTION, I.E., TRAINING AND FOR SHOWING TO SELECTED PEOPLE WHO
HAVE A NEED.

IV. IF IT IS TO THE NATIONAL AND AIR FORCE INTEREST TO RELEASE TO
THE PUBLIC MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AIR FORCE SPACE ACTIVITY, THE
REASON SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DECISION MACHINERY
ABOUT THE RELEASE OF THE "FACT OF". TAKING ACTIONS SUCH AS RELEASING
NRO RECOVERY ACTIVITY AND HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCES FROM THE HEART
OF THE NETWORK THAT CONTROLS RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES IS PRECIPITOUS
AND TENDS TO PRE-EMPT THE DECISION MAKING APPARATUS BEFORE IT HAS
AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE ITS CAREFUL ACTIONS. IT WOULD BE MUCH
BETTER JUDGEMENT TO HOLD OFF RELEASING THE STC FILM OR CONDUCTING
THE "PRESS CONFERENCE" UNTIL THE POLICY MEETINGS NOW IN SESSION SET
FORTH DELIBERATION.

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