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TOPSECRET 161659Z OCT 69 CITE WHIG 9491. CHARGE FOR FROM COL YOST. ON AUGUST 7. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NRO STAFF MET A ND TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE REALIGNMENT OF THE AFSPPF. WE STATED AT THE MEETING THAT THE CURRENT OVERT ALIGNMENT OF THE AFSPPF WITH SAMSO, SAFSP, AND SAFSS GENERATED SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION AND EXPOSURE PROBLEMS IN THE WASHINGTON AREA. WE RECOMMENDED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO DISENGAGE THE AFSPPF FROM SAMSO ORGANIZATIONALLY AND FROM SAFSP AND SAFSS OVERTLY. THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AND IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AFSPPF WOULD INITIATE. UNDER SAFSP DIRECTION. THE NECESSARY PLANNING ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDED REALIGNMENT. THE AFSPPF WAS TO INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENTS AND DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO SAFSP AND THE NRO STAFF FOR APPROVAL.

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AND THE AFSPPF AND THAT THE PLAN WOULD BE DEVELOPED
BY THE AFSPPF. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP
OF THE AFSPPF TO SAFSP WOULD GO COVERT, BUT THAT
CURRENT OPERATIONAL AND COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD
BE UNCHANGED.

WE LEFT THE MEETING WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NECESSITY FOR A REALIGNMENT WAS CONCURRED IN BY SAFSP

IT IS APPARENT, HOWEVER, FROM RECENT DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN AND COL YOST THAT THE NECESSITY FOR

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THE REALIGNMENT OF THE AFSPPF IS NOT CONCURRED IN BY SAFSP.

OUR CONCERN, AGAIN, IS THAT THE ASSOCIATION OF THE AFSPPF, WHOSE OVERT MISSION IS PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESSING AND PRODUCTION, WITH SAMSO (AND FOR ANY INTENT OR PURPOSE WITH SAFSP) AND MORE SPECIFICALLY WITH SAFSS, GENERATES SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN THE WASHINGTON AREA. THESE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE LED TO CONSIDERABLE EXPOSURE AND HAVE PROMPTED UNTOWARD SPECULATION.

IN VIEW OF SAFSP'S DECISION NOT TO ADMINISTRATIVELY REALIGN THE AFSPPF, SAFSS MUST DISENGAGE FROM ANY OVERT REALTIONSHIP WITH THE AFSPPF. WE MUST INSIST THAT ALL AFSPPF MATTERS BE STAFFED THROUGH SAFSP AND

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THAT SAFSS CANNOT ENTERTAIN OFFICIAL OR INFORMAL
CONTACTS BY THE AFSPPF. WE WILL SUPPORT ONLY THOSE
AFSPPF RELATED MATTERS WHICH WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
OR HAVE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF AND FOR WHICH WE HAVE
RECEIVED A SPECIFIC SAFSP REQUEST DETAILING THE NATURE
AND EXTENT OF THE SUPPORT REQUIRED.

WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WILL PERMIT THE AFSPPF ACTIVITY TO BE HANDLED IN EXACTLY THE SAME MANNER AS THE ACTIVITY OF ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION WHOSE SOLE MISSION IS SUPPORT OF SAFSP (6595TH ATW, 6594TH TG, ETC.)

THIS ARRANGEMENT DOES NOT AFFECT THAT IN-LINE OPERATING FUNCTION PERFORMED BY COLONEL HOY APART FROM HIS STAFF ACTIVITY.

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