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**MEMORANDUM FOR DR. NAKA**

**SUBJECT: BGRV System**

At the right is my proposed message to Gen Allen asking him to review and make disposition of the McDonnell Douglas BGRV study proposal. The rationale for selecting Gen Allen vice Mr. Brownman is this: spacecraft work by OSP is always an exception to the NRO charter; we should not encourage the notion that we have two sources for spacecraft development. by assigning pilot studies in this area to OSP.

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FOR GENERAL ALLEN FROM DR. NAKA.

MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, ST LOUIS, HAS BRIEFED THE NRO  
STAFF ON A BOOSTER GLIDER REENTRY VEHICLE (BGRV) THAT  
OFFERS AN INTERESTING LAUNCH, ORBITAL AND REENTRY  
FLEXIBILITY. WE DO HAVE SOME INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL,  
BUT THE PRIORITY FOR SUCH A SYSTEM IS LOW, AND THE  
PROPOSITION PROBABLY DOES NOT WARRANT FUNDING IN ANY  
FASHION AT THIS TIME. THE CONTRACTOR HAS REQUESTED  
BYEMAN ACCESS TO P-E AND ITEK FOR CAMERA DATA SO THAT  
HE CAN EXTEND HIS STUDY EFFORT AT NO EXPENSE TO THE  
GOVERNMENT.

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I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE PROPOSAL AND  
MAKE A JUDGMENT WHETHER THE NRO SHOULD SPONSOR SUCH  
AN UNFUNDED STUDY BY GRANTING ACCESSSES AND SPONSORING

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**ROUTINE****COL BRADEBURN**

**SOME BYEMAN CLEARANCES FOR THE PURPOSE AND DURATION OF  
THE STUDY. YOUR OFFICE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMIN-  
ISTRATION AND TECHNICAL EVALUATION.**

**I HAVE NOTIFIED MCDONNELL DOUGLAS THAT THE MATTER  
HAS BEEN REFERRED TO YOU FOR DISPOSITION.**

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