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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

March 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL ALLEN

SUBJECT: Commo Requirement to Support Program D
TAGBOARD Activity

I have a requirement from Colonel Bailey for the installation of a commo circuit with terminal location at the Hqs, 6594th Recovery Group, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii for the exchange of BYEMAN (TAGBOARD) traffic. Colonel Bailey justifies the need for the circuit on the basis of a requirement for direct communication between the 6594th RG and the NRO Program D Office, the NRO SOC, SAC and the JRC (JCS), and the deployed recovery forces at their forward operating locations.

I have suggested the use of the SAO circuit to Hq, PACAF (walking distance from the 6594th RG Hqs) for pass to the 6594th for this traffic which I understand will be minimal and which I understand will essentially consist of messages to alert and coordinate the 6594th RG activity in support of contingency deployment and operations plans for TAGBOARD.

Colonel Bailey indicates that the delays in delivery to and notification of addressees on this traffic in PACAF render this routing totally unacceptable in satisfying the requirement. These delays, I feel, are not inherent in the commo but are caused simply by ineffective procedures for the handling of this traffic. This, we feel, could very easily be corrected through appropriate direction.

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We have surveyed the site and find no difficulties in terms of a physical, secure location for the equipment. We would propose to satisfy the requirement through installation of 100 WPM KW-7 secure circuit to be operated at the 6594th RG Hqs by appropriately cleared 6594th personnel. We would install equipment, terminate it on the West Coast, and instruct the operators in its use. Colonel Hartley's end of the circuit would be terminated in GUARD with traffic being handled in the standard manner.

We are prepared to install the equipment and activate the circuit within 45 days of go-ahead. Request your approval.

William R. Yost
WILLIAM R. YOST
Colonel, USAF

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL ALLEN/COLONEL YOST

SUBJECT: Commo Requirement to Support Program D TAGBOARD Activity

REFERENCE: Colonel Yost's memo, subject as above, dated 26 March 1970

I agree that SAO to Hq PACAF is available for use by the 6594th, however, when recovery forces are deployed, i.e. to Clark, Torrejon, Aviano, existing ops planning calls for the NRO to provide suitcase capability (BYEMAN) except at Kadena where existing circuitry has been used. Considerable confusion existed during the November 1969 ops mission because some operational traffic was sent over SAO circuits and not received by offices involved, specifically SOC, the 6594th and this office. As a result of non-receipt of essential information SAC took a 48 hour delay that was not warranted. Additionally, SOC failed to activate satellite collection during the mission because of non-receipt of SAO traffic over the weekend.

Colonel Hall, Commander 6594th and Colonel Hughes, Sunnyvale, have requested the installation of a BYEMAN facility at the 6594th.

I strongly recommend the installation as requested.


BERNARD L. BAILEY
Colonel, USAF

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