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C-R E T 2717592 OCT **7**8 CITE 1255 IMMEDIATE JISON. HANDLE VIA SYEMAN CONTROL CHANNELS ONLY HEXAGON/SAMBIT FOR GENERAL KULPA FROM FROM MR. HILL SUBJECT: SALT II OPTIONS REFERENCES: A. 1235, 17 OCTOBER 1978

d. BISON 9439, 19 OCTOBER 1978

1244, 24 OCTOBER 1978 1. THE ADMINISTRATION IS CONTINUING TO EVOLVE ITS RESPONSE TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTION TO PROVIDE IMPROVED SALT II VERIFICATION OPFIONS IN THE FY 79 BUDGET. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REVIEW ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT AND TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL

ACTIONS.

2. A MEETING WAS HELD YESTERDAY TO REVIEW THE EXISTING OPTIONS AND REGUEST ADDITIONAL ONES. JOHN KOEHLER, DIDCI/RM, WAS THE CHAIRMAN: NRU OMS, CIA, ICS, NSC, AND DOD NERE REPRESENTED.

I INDICATES THAT OPTIONS FOR ACCELERATING HEXAGON LAUNCHES, ENHANCING PROGRAM, AND INCREASING THE READINESS POSTURE OF GAMBIT THE

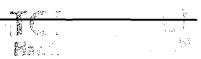
WERE BRING WORKED. SEVERAL OF THE ATTENDEES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF CORD, INCLUDING A NEAR-TERM

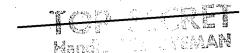
CAPABILITY. OMB WAS INTERESTED IN ADDED OPTIONS TO INCREASE HEXAGON LAUNCH READINESS. NON-PROGRAM A AND NON-NRP

OPTIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. THE ACTION PLANNED FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS IS:

A. 27 OCTOBÉR: ICS WILL PROVIDE OPTION DESCRIPTIONS AND SCHEDULES TO THE USER COMMUNITY AND TO THE NRO STAFF.

- E. 27. OCTOBER-1200 EST/30 OCTOBER: NRO STAFF REVIEW OPTIONS FOR TECHNICAL ACCURACY AND ADD COST DATA. USER COMMUNITY REVIEW FOR INTELLIGENCE UTILITY.
- C. 1330 EST/36 OCTOBER: THE SAME GROUP WILL MEET TO PREPARE OPTIONS FOR THE GCI.
- U. 31 OCTOBER: DCI WILL PROVIDE OPTIONS TO NFIB FOR COMMENT BY 2 NOVEMBER.
- 3. I WOULD PREFER, OF COURSE, THAT A MORE DELIBERATE COURSE COULD BE TAKEN TO DEVELOP THESE OPTIONS AND PRESENT THEM TO CONGRESS, BUT THE MAP IS NOT THE ONLY PROGRAM UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THE NRO IS NOT IN CHARGE OF THE OVERALL EFFORT. PART OF THE URGENCY IS DUE TO





THE DC1'S PENDING FY 80 BUDGET DECESIONS, AND THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THESE OPTIONS ON THOSE DECISIONS.

4. IN YOUR NARRATIVE FOR EACH OF THE ALTERNATIVES BELOW, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- A. TECHNICAL DISCUSSION (INCLUDE GROUNDRULES, RISK, ADVANTAGES, AND DISABVANTAGES).
 - B. SCHEDULE.

5. ALTERNATIVES.

- C. ADDITIONAL COST INCURRED (PROVIDE NOT TO EXCEED ESTIMATES FOR FY 75 AND FY 80).

 IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT MUCH OF THE DATA HAS BEEN PROVIDED INFORMALLY (VERBAL/DACOM), OR WAS PART OF A PREVIOUS SUBMISSION: HOWEVER, DUE TO THE APPLICATION OF THIS DATA AS DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH 2, A FORMAL SUBMITTAL IS REQUIRED. OUR SUSPENSE IS 1230 EST ON 30 OCTOBER 1978. TO SUPPORT THIS, YOUR INPUT SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 1430 EST ON 30 OCTOBER. ADHERENCE TO METHOD OF PRESENTATION IS REQUIRED SINCE NO TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MODIFY YOUR INPUT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND INTEREST WILL BE EXHIBITED; THEREFORE, REFINEMENT OF YOUR 30 OCTOBER SUBMITTAL (INCLUDING OUT YEAR COSTS) SHOULD CONTINUE IN SUPPORT OF THE 7 NOVEMBER DATE REQUESTED IN
- A. ACCELERATE HEXAGON LAUNCH SCHEDULE. PROVIDE MORE HEXAGON FLIGHTS IN THE 1979 TO 81 TIME PERIOD.
- C. IMPROVED CALLUP STATUS OF GAMBIT. LAUNCH 20 DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION.
- D. IMPROVED CALLUP STATUS OF HEXAGON. FOR AN AVAILABLE VEHICLE.

 IMPROVE THE ABILITY TO LAUNCH ON REQUEST TO THE MINIMUM FEASIBLE.

COULD ENHANCE SALT MONITORING.

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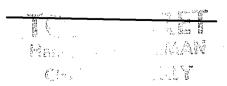
F. CAMOUFLAGE, CONCEALMENT AND DECEPTION (CC&D). ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED SEFARATELY FOR GAMBIT AND HEXAGON. E+2 IMPDET

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