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*Larry -
you and I should
talk to Col. Blankenship.*

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[] HEXAGON

FOR MR. PLUMMER. FROM: GEN KULPA

1. I HAVE ORGANIZED [] STAR SENSOR EVALUATION GROUP TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING THAT SYSTEM WITH HEXAGON. THE GROUP IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SAFSP, SAFSS, CIA-WEST COAST, DMA, AND AEROSPACE. AS THE SAFSS MEMBER I HAVE REQUESTED COL BLANKENSHIP. I FEEL HE IS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR THIS EVALUATION AND SHOULD CERTAINLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPARTIALITY.
2. I HAVE TASKED THE GROUP TO REPORT TO ME BY 15 MAR 76 OR SOONER AND HAVE INFORMED THEM THAT THEY ARE TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THEIR PROCEEDINGS JUST AS IF THEY

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WERE RUNNING A SOURCE SELECTION.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS EVALUATION OF AN ALTERNATE APPROACH, I HAVE DIRECTED THAT EXPENDITURES ON THE DESIGN EFFORT ON S-CUBED AT PERKIN-ELMER BE HELD AT THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN PROGRAM SCHEDULES. THIS MINIMUM LEVEL REQUIRES \$400,000 TO SUSTAIN THE PROGRAM UNTIL 1 APR 76. I HAVE INFORMED MR. HILL OF THIS BY SEPARATE MESSAGE AND REQUESTED HE PROVIDE THIS AMOUNT FROM THE \$1 MILLION YOU AUTHORIZED IN WHIG 1671. 3 NOV 75.

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