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MANOR: PLEASE PASS TO VJRC -

SUBJECT: INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCY PLAN - PROJECT OX CART/TAGBOARD

REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCY PLAN HEREBY FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE ICPC:

I. GENERAL

THIS CONTINGENCY PLAN BECOMES EFFECTIVE WITH THE RE-LOCATION OF PROJECT TAGBOARD TO BEALE AFB AND WILL BE UTILIZED FOR BOTH THE BALANCE OF THE R&D EFFORT AT THAT LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL MISSIONS AS APPROPRIATE. 11. PURPOSE

TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR PROJECT TAGBOARD THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THE R&D PHASE AT SEALE AFB AND DURING ITS UTILIZATION, WHEN OPERATIONAL, FOR OBTAINING HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF PRIORITY TARGETS AS DIRECTED BY APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AUTHORITY.

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. A. TO CONDUCT'R&D TESTS AND APPROVED OVERFLIGHT OPERA-FLONS WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY AND TO PROTECT THE

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TRUE PURPOSE OF THE VEHICLE.

B. TO CONCEAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF THE D-21.

C. TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES TO BE ADHERED TO SHOULD THE FOLLOWING WS IT UATION OCCUR:

1. VISUAL SIGHTING AT BEALE AFB OR IN FLIGHT,

2. VISUAL SIGHTING BECAUSE OF DIVERTED /FOR OED

LANDING WITH D-21 ATTACHED.

- 3. ORASHMISHAP INVOLVING B-52H WITH EVIDENCE OF D-21.
- 4. ORASHVMISHAP INVOLVING B-52H WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF D-21.
- 5. D-21 ACCIDENT IN AN INHIABITED AREA.
- 6. D-21 ACCIDENT IN AN UNINHABITED AREA.
- 7. PROTEST WITHOUT INCIDENT.
- 8. CRASH OF D-21 IN NON-FRIENDLY COUNTRY.

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A. VISUAL SIGHTING AT BEALE AFB OR IN FLIGHT.

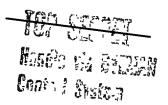
THE FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE WILL BE MADE BY SAFOI OR IN THE LOCAL PID AT THE DIRECTION OF SAFOI IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ONLY: "THE ARTICLE IS AN UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE."

- B. SAFOI WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON QUERY ONLY:
 - Q. WHO IS THE MANUFACTURER/CONTRACTOR?
 - A. LAC.
 - Q. WHAT TYPE OF VEHICLE IS IT?
 - A. AN UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE.
 - Q. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE EXPERIMENT?
 - A. HIGH ALT IT LOE TEST ING.
 - Q. WHO IS CONDUCTING THE TESTING?
- A. THE 4200 SUPPORT SQUADRON (SAC) BEALE AFB IN CONJUNCTION WITH LAC.
 - Q. IS IT A NEW WEAPON PROTOTYPE?
- A. IT CARRIES NO ARMAMENT AND IS NOT A WEAPONS SYSTEM.

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Q. THEN WHAT IS IT?

A. AN UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE. DETAILS AS TO ITS FUNCTION ARE CLASSIFIED.



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C. VISUAL SIGHTING BECAUSE OF D'IVERTED/FORCED LANDING WITH D-21 ATTACHED.

THE FOLLOWING NEW RELEASE WILL BE MADE BY SAFOI
OR THE LOCAL PIO AT THE DIRECTION OF SAFOI IN RESPONSE TO
QUERY ONLY: "A B-52H CARRYING AN UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL
VEHICLE AND OPERATING FROM BEALE AFB TODAY DIVERTED TO
----AFB (IF APPLICABLE). ROUTINE EMERGENCY LANDING
PROCEDURES WERE USED AS A FRECAUTIONARY MEASURE."

D. CRASH/MISHAP INVOLVING B-52H WITH EVIDENCE OF D-21.

SAFOI OR LOCAL PIO AT DIRECTION OF SAFOI WILL MAKE
THE FOLLOWING NEW RELEASE AUTOMATICALLY: "A B-52H OPERATING
FROM BEALE AFB CRASHED AT ---- ON ----.

THIS AIR CRAFT WAS OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN AIR
FORCE UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE. AN AIR FORCE INVESTICATING TEAM IS ENROUTE (ON THE SCENE)." NO FURTHER RELEASES ARE AUTHORIZED WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED CONSENT OF THE
PROGRAM OFFICE. FOLLOWING SUCH A RELEASE, A FULL EXAMINATION

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WILL BE MADE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND AN ADDITIONAL RELEASE,
IF APPROPRIATE, WILL BE DEVISED.

- E. CRASHMISHAP OF B-52H WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF D-21.
 NORMAL ACCIDENT RELEASE WILL APPLY.
- F. D-21 ACCIDENT IN AN INHABITED AREA.

 THE FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE WILL BE MADE BY SAFOIOR LOCAL PIO AT THE DIRECTION OF SAFOI: "AN UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE OPERATING FROM BEALE AFB CRASHED AT ---- ON -----. AN AIR FORCE I WESTIGATING TEAM IS EMROUTE (ON THE SCENE)." NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED CONSENT OF THE PROGRAM OFFICE. FOLLOWING SUCH A RELEASE, A FULL EXAMINATION WILL BE MADE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND AN ADDITIONAL RELEASE, IF APPROPRIATE, WILL BE DEVISED.
 - G. D-21 ACCIDENT IN AN UNINHABITED AREA.

THE FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE WILL BE MADE BY SAFOIOR THE LOCAL PID AT THE DIRECTION OF SAFOI IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ONLY: "WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT." FOLLOWING SUCH A RESPONSE, A FULL EXAMINATION WILL BE MADE OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND A FURTHER RELEASE, IF APPROPRIATE, WILL BE FORMULATED.

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1. SHOULD A SUCCESSFUL OVER FLIGHT EVOKE A PROTEST
OR PUBLIC DENUNCIATION BY THE OPPOSITION, ALL PERSONNEL IN
THE FIELD WILL DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE OVERFLIGHT.
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SUCH DISCLAIMER WILL NOT BE VOLUNTEERED BUT WILL BE OFFERED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUERY. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS PROCEDURE IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE IN THE CASE OF QUERIES DIRECTED TO U.S. AMBASSADORS. THEY WILL NEITHER DISCLAIM NOR ACKNOWLEDGE AWARENESS OF ANY OVER FLIGHT BUT WILL REFER SUCH QUERIES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

2. IF QUERIES ARE DIRECTED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE INITIAL RESPONSE WILL BE "NO COMMENT." AFTER REVIEWING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SITUATION, THE 303 COMMITTEE MAY DETERMINE THAT A FURTHER RESPONSE IS REQUIRED. THE COMMITTEE WILL DESIGNATE THE APPROPRIATE SPOKESMAN.

I. CRASH OF D-21 IN NON-FR IENDLY COUNTRY.

1. IF A D-21 IS LOST IN NON-FRIENDLY TERRITORY, WHETHER FROM HOSTILE ACTION OR OTHER CAUSE, NO STATEMENT WILL BE VOLUNTEERED UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN A FULL EVALUATION

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BY THE 303 COMMITTEE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT AND THE POLITICAL REMIFICATIONS.

- 2. NEWS MED IA QUER IES GENERATED BY STATEMENTS
 MADE BY FOREIGN GOVER MENTS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE STATE
 DEPARTMENT. THE LATTER, THROUGH A PROPERLY DESIGNATED
 SPOKESMAN, INITIALLY WILL STATE ONLY THAT THE ALLEGED INCIDENT IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.
- 3. A FTER EVALUATION THE 3 23 COMMITTEE WILL AUTHORIZE AN A PPR OPRIATELY WORDED STATEMENT BASED ON THE L'OCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED. THE SOLE SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. DE OVER MENT WILL BE THE STATE DE PARTMENT.

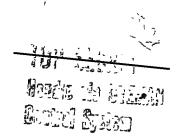
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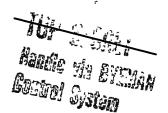
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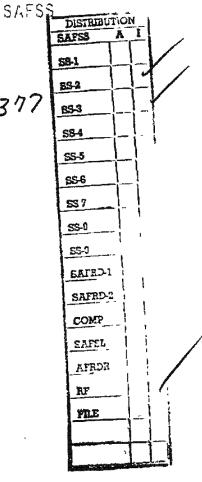
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