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PRIORITY AD IC [ ] MANOR [ ] INFO WHALE  
OX CART/TAGBOARD SECUR  
AD IC: PLEASE PASS TO MR. PETER JESSUP, WHITE HOUSE, AND  
[ ] STATE DEPARTMENT  
MANOR: PLEASE PASS TO [ ]/JRC ✓  
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 SEALE AFB AND WILL BE  
UTILIZED FOR BOTH THE BALANCE OF THE R&D EFFORT AT THAT  
LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL MISSIONS AS APPROPRIATE.
- II. 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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III. OBJECTIVES

A. TO CONDUCT R&D TESTS AND APPROVED OVERFLIGHT OPERA-  
TIONS 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 SITUATION OCCUR:

1. VISUAL SIGHTING AT BEALE AFB OR IN FLIGHT.
2. VISUAL SIGHTING BECAUSE OF DIVERTED/FORCED LANDING WITH D-21 ATTACHED.
3. CRASH/MISHAP INVOLVING B-52H WITH EVIDENCE OF D-21.
4. CRASH/MISHAP INVOLVING B-52H WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF D-21.
5. D-21 ACCIDENT IN AN INHABITED 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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IV. POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES

A. VISUAL SIGHTING AT BEALE AFB OR IN FLIGHT.

THE FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE WILL BE MADE BY SAFOI OR IN THE LOCAL PIO 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 ALTITUDE TESTING.

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

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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 DIVERTED/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 PRECAUTIONARY 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 AIRCRAFT WAS OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN AIR FORCE UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE. AN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATING 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. CRASH/MISHAP 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 SAFOI OR LOCAL PIO AT THE DIRECTION OF SAFOI: "AN UNMANNED EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE OPERATING FROM BEALE AFB CRASHED AT ----- ON -----, AN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATING TEAM IS ENROUTE (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 SAFOI OR THE LOCAL PIO 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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H. PROTEST WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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1. SHOULD A SUCCESSFUL OVERFLIGHT EVOKE A PROTEST OR PUBLIC DENUNCIATION BY THE OPPOSITION, ALL PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD WILL DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE OVERFLIGHT. 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 OVERFLIGHT 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.

1. CRASH OF D-21 IN NON-FRIENDLY 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 MEDIA QUERIES GENERATED BY STATEMENTS MADE BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS 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. AFTER EVALUATION THE 303 COMMITTEE WILL AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATELY WORDED STATEMENT BASED ON THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED. THE SOLE SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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1. REF: THIS CITE 8519  
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