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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: FROG and EOI Issues for 15 July 71 ExCom

Dr. Naka and I had a meeting with Dr. Steininger and Mr. Inlow last night. They have serious reservations about our Director's Report and the financial data prepared for the 15 July ExCom. They believe that EOI replaces GAMBIT better than FROG but not totally; in fact, they feel that for the present all decisions should be based on a continuation of four GAMBITS per year, independent of whether FROG or EOI proceeds. Hence they quarrel with our presentation of the issues in which we show two GAMBIT options, Option 1 with fewer GAMBITS needed during FROG operation and Option 2 with a continuation of GAMBITS at a 4-per-year rate without FROG.

Steininger and Inlow want us to show only one GAMBIT option at four per year. If we don't make this change they will take issue with our Director's Report because it does not price out the options as Mr. Helms thinks they should be priced out.

Since time is short I recommend we prepare addenda to the Director's Report and the financial data showing how our recommendations look if presented in agreement with the Steininger/Inlow position. The cost information is available in the report. In parallel with the preparation of the addenda we could prepare a separate paper and presentation in support of the argument that FROG can partially replace GAMBIT.

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With the above materials in hand we can then proceed in one of two ways:

a. Agree with Steininger and Inlow and present only one option, or

b. Stay with our current presentation of options and present arguments as necessary in support of the view that FROG can replace GAMBIT.

David D. Bradburn

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