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REQUEST YOU DETERMINE IF AND TO WHAT EXTENT COSTS CAN BE MINIMIZED IN FY-76 AND 77 AS THE RESULT OF THE NEW SCHEDULE. THIS DATA IS NEEDED ASAP, PREFERABLY BY 5 SEPTEMBER.

2. ETHER HAS EXPRESSED A FIRM DESIRE TO HAVE THE

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NAVPAC ON SV-16 THROUGH 18. THE DNRC'S FINAL DECISION ON THIS CAN BE MADE AS SOON AS THE MINIMUM FY-76 FUNDING IS DETERMINED AND ETHER PROVIDES THE FUNDS. OUR INTENT IS TO RESOLVE ANY ISSUE ON THIS BY NOVEMBER 1975. REQUEST YOU DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO ETHER'S PLANS AND NOTIFY US BY 1 OCTOBER. AS YOU KNOW, IT IS DESIRED THAT SV-16 AND UP HAVE A 180-DAY LIFE CAPABILITY AT 91 NM PERIGEE. WE SHOULD NOT AGREE TO NAVPACS ON SV-16-18 IF THE ADDED WEIGHT POSES A REAL THREAT TO THE REQUIRED LIFE.

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