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CHARGE FOR R. ANDERSON/G. WELCH
/F. HOFMANN FROM

D. MUTCHISON
SUBJECT: MEXAGON MAPPING PROGRAM
REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS RAISED IN A MEETING TODAY WITH ETHER'S BUDGET
AND PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES.

A. MCS IMPROVEMENTS

I. ETHER PROBABLY WILL HOT BE ABLE TO FUND THE LONG LIFE AND INCREASED SUPPLY AND TAXE-UP CAPACITY HODS. REQUEST YOU HAVE THE CONTRACTORS IDENTIFY THE COST DELTAS TO THE SVC-17/18 MCS PROCUREMENT FOR THESE

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MODS, ASSUMING NO MODE OF SV-16. THIS INFORMATION IS
REQUIRED ASAP, BUT BEFORE THE RELEASE OF THE BULK OF THE
FUNDS FOR SV-17/18 MCS'S AT THE LATEST.

2. AFTER COMPRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE MCS LINE, ETHER DOES INTENT TO FURD THE UTB TEST FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVITY.

B. NAVPAC INTEGRATION FOR SV-16 AND UP.

1. BECAUSE OF FY-76/71 BUDGET LIMITATIONS, ETHER PEGUESTS THAT THE FUNDS REQUIREMENT FOR MAVPAC INTEGRATION DE SLIPPED OUT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, MRG POLICY IS TO NOT COMMIT TO GREATER EXPENDITURES THAN ETHER HAS FUNDED, I.E., THERE IS TO BE NO LOSS TO THE MAP IF A FUTURE ETHER BUDGET IS NOT APPROVED. CURRENTLY WE UNDERSTAND THAT I JUNE 76 IS YOUR REQUIRED GO-AREAD DATE FOR SV-16 NAVPAC EFFECTIVITY AND THAT SAMOK IS REQUIRED IN FY-76 AND SIMOK IN 7T.

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HEQUEST YOU DETERMINE IF AND TO WHAT EXTENT COSTS CAN BE MINIMIZED IN FY-76 AND 7T AS THE RESULT OF THE NEW SCHEDULE, THIS DATA IS NEEDED ASAP, PREFERABLY BY 5 SEPTEMBER.

2. ETHER HAS EXPRESSED A FIRM DESIDE TO HAVE THE

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NAVPAC ON SV-16 THROUGH 18. THE DARC'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 188-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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