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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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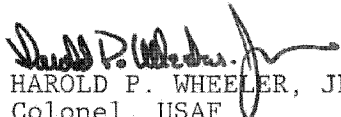
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: Comments on AF/IN MCS/MPS Background Paper

[ ]'s views in the background paper at TAB A are generally accurate, considering AF/IN's peripheral role in the MCS/MPS decisions. The comments at TAB B address some specific inaccuracies in the paper (which are noted by corresponding margin numbers on the background paper at TAB A) none of which are crucial. I do not feel it is necessary to resolve them with AF/IN; they are included for your information only.

As of the date of Gen Keegan's memorandum, the status was correct. Since then, we have received authorization from ASD(I) to proceed with the MCS for Vehicles 17 and 18 (TAB C).

Request you release the message at the right to SAFSP to allow them to provide the assurances required for Itek to maintain a bidding position until funds are approved. SAFSP has informed us that further delay in an official position could significantly increase the cost of the two Mapping Camera systems. Actual go-ahead must, of course, await Congressional approval of the MCS line in the Air Force budget.

  
HAROLD P. WHEELER, JR.  
Colonel, USAF  
Director

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Attachments

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