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FOR MAJ/GEN BRADBURN FROM COL ROSENBERG

SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR HEXAGON BLOCK IV

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MR. PLUMMER AND YOURSELF ON 24 FEB, REQUEST YOU INITIATE A PLANNING STUDY FOR THE HEXAGON BLOCK IV. ALTHOUGH AN EXCOM DECISION FOR GO-AHEAD OF BLOCK IV IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE JULY 1977, THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR THAT DECISION SHOULD PROCEED NOW TO INSURE THAT EARLY PRELIMINARY DECISIONS ARE MADE ON TIME AND THAT NECESSARY DATA IS AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED.

2. TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES, SCHEDULE VARIATIONS AND

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ASSOCIATED COSTS SHOULD BE ESTIMATED SEPARATELY FROM THE FISCAL GUIDANCE TO MAINTAIN LOW VISIBILITY ON THE ACTIVITY. ITEMS FOR BLOCK IV CONSIDERATION SHOULD INCLUDE DESIRABILITY AND IMPACT OF CONTRACT COMPETITION FOR SEGMENTS OF THE HEXAGON SYSTEM WHERE SIGNIFICANT COST REDUCTION IS POSSIBLE THROUGH SIMPLIFICATION. CHANGES TO CURRENT CAPABILITY, INCLUDED REDUCED COMPLEXITY, SHOULD BE INCLUDED, RECOGNIZING THAT THE GOAL OF THIS EXERCISE IS TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN PROJECTED PROGRAM COSTS. THE WHIG STAFF WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF REVISIONS TO THE CURRENT CAPABILITY REQUIREMENTS BY 6 MARCH 1975. YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THIS AREA ARE SOLICITED; THE WHIG/NAHOO STAFF WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR REQUIREMENTS REVISIONS THROUGHOUT THE STUDY. IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE LONG TERM COST TRADE-OFF IMPLEMENTATIONS, COST ESTIMATES SHOULD COVER A TEN-YEAR PERIOD COVERING ANY POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND OPERATION OF BLOCK IV.

3. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY PLAN BY EARLY APRIL TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF DECISION MILESTONE CHANGES AND

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POTENTIAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS BEGINNING IN FY-76 OR FY-77.
A COMPLETED PROGRAM PLAN AND RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE
SUBMITTED BY LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE. AT THE PRESENT
TIME THIS PLANNING DATA IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR THE DNRO'S
CONSIDERATION ONLY. THEREFORE, ACTIVITIES AND CONFIGURA-
TIONS RELATED TO THIS EFFORT SHOULD NOT BE PRESENTED OR
DISCUSSED IN ANY OF THE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
STUDIES.

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