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AS WE APPROACH THE LAUNCH OF THE [REDACTED] AND HEXAGON PROGRAMS WE DO SO WITH ONE OF THE POOREST SECURITY TRACK RECORDS IN RECENT YEARS. UNLESS WE EXERT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORT TO MINIMIZE OR PRECLUDE ANY FURTHER DISCLOSURES, WE WILL BE FACED WITH SIGNIFICANT COMPROMISE OF THESE PROGRAMS.

WE CANNOT RELY ON "STANDARD PROCEDURES" TO OFFER THE PROTECTION WE DESIRE FOR THESE TWO INITIAL LAUNCHES. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN HOPE TO PROTECT THE LAUNCHES IS WITH COMPLETE REVIEW OF ALL PROCEDURES, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE;

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WE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ALL DETAILS, CORRECTING THOSE THAT ARE INADEQUATE; AND BY MAINTAINING ABSOLUTE RIGID DISCIPLINE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, AND INSURING THEY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THESE RESTRAINTS AND THE REASONS FOR THEM.

IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION THAT HAS REACHED THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, THE QUESTION IS: HOW DO WE PREVENT ITS BEING USED - AND - IF IT IS, HOW DO WE MINIMIZE THE SPLITTING

ONE OF THE MORE APPARENT ANSWERS IS THAT, IF POSSIBLE, WE AVOID IMMEDIATE ASSOCIATION OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND 967, PERKIN ELMER, ET AL ON THE SECOND. WE DO HAVE AN ENVIALE RECORD FOR SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHING FROM KENNEDY UNDER THE WORST OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND "GETTING AWAY WITH IT." IT IS THEREFORE

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RECOMMENDED THAT IN ADDITION TO PROCEDURES ALREADY INITIATED AT VANDEBORG, THAT THOSE SPECIAL PROCEDURES, AND LESSONS LEARNED AT THE CAPE BE IMMEDIATELY APPLIED FOR THESE LAUNCHES. IN ADDITION, THE USE OF THE NUMBERS OF [REDACTED] 467 SHOULD BE MINIMIZED OR ELIMINATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAUNCHES.

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OTHER MAJOR ITEMS THAT IMMEDIATELY OUGHT TO US FOR CONSIDERATION ARE:

1. CONTROL OF PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM THE LAUNCH, AND OF PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE VANDEBORG, SHIMMVALE, AND CONTRACTOR AREAS. PUBLIC EXPOSURE MUST BE MINIMIZED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.
2. ALL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE PHASED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO AVOID TELLTALE HIGHLIGHTING OF PROCEDURES.
3. WHILE WE DO NOT WANT "OUTSIDERS" TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS SPECIAL ACTIVITY OR CONCERN, THOSE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM, EITHER BYCRAW OR DOD, MUST BE MADE TO REALIZE THAT THESE LAUNCHES ARE NOT ONLY SPECIAL, BUT THEY ARE CRITICAL TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE. THEY MUST BE CONVINCED THAT THEY AND THEY ALONE MAY INFLUENCE THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION.
4. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, THE TOP LEVEL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THESE LAUNCHES MUST BE PERSONALLY MADE AWARE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS OF FAILURE. TIME IS CRITICAL FOR [REDACTED] AND WILL BE A MAJOR LIMITING FACTOR; AND IS ALMOST AS CRITICAL FOR HEXAGON.

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IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH BE UTILIZED TO DETERMINE PRECISE STATUS, WHAT MUST BE DONE, AND INITIATION OF ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN. DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT OUR STAFF JOIN YOURS IN A COMPLETE WALK THROUGH AND REVIEW OF PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND ACCOMPLISHED. WE ARE PREPARED TO OFFER ANY AND ALL ASSISTANCE, AND CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PILOT PARTICIPATION TO INSURE THAT ALL EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IS FULLY UTILIZED.

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