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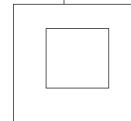
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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COOK ✓
GENERAL SHIELDS

SUBJECT: KENNEN Information Dissemination Plan

In order to provide KENNEN status information to key personnel in the Washington area during the time period from launch through the receipt of reasonable quality imagery, the dissemination plan at the right has been developed.

Recommend that you discuss the plan with Secretary Reed. When the list of invitees has been finalized, we can determine the best place to hold the briefing.

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KENNEN INFORMATION DISSEMINATION PLAN

Current plans are for the KENNEN imaging satellite to be launched on 14 December. From that time through IOC there will be considerable high level interest in the on-orbit status of the satellite and the quality of imagery from the system. In order to satisfy the requests for information on KENNEN system status by various key officials in the Washington area, the following dissemination plan will be used.

Launch Announcement

14 Dec.

Notification will be provided by NRO/SOC to NRO internal elements and Hq AFSC (by phone) and to Sec Def, Dep Sec Def, AFCC, AFCV, SAF/RD, AF/RD, AF/RDS telephonically only in case of launch failure; in either case (success or failure) a memo will follow.

Telecon notification will be provided by Dr. Cook to Secy Reed, Mr. Ellsworth, Mr. Bush, Mr. Hyland with follow-up by memo. Information will include launch confirmation and orbit achievement.

Early On-Orbit Status

20 Dec.

Approximately six days after launch memos will be sent to the CFI principals through their principal deputies to provide information on the status of KENNEN. The on-orbit operations completed should include orbit insertion, relay satellite acquisition, vehicle stabilization [redacted] and other subsystem check-out tests. Also provided will be a summary of key tests, events expected during the next few weeks, and discussion of any problems.

Engineering Imagery Briefing

Dec 28 -
Jan 4

Approximately two to three weeks after launch when engineering images having reasonable quality are available, a briefing will be provided to the CFI principals and their principal deputies, Secretary Rumsfeld, Dr. Kissinger, Mr. Clements, Dr. Currie, Dr. McLucas, Dr. Land, and Gen Brown. Should there be enough room, invitations could be extended to Gen Allen, Gen Wilson, Mr. Knoche, Mr. Inlow, Dr. Stever, Mr. Cherne, Dr. Ikle, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Byers, Mr. Hicks, Mr. McMahon, and others as appropriate. Director, NRO Program B

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and other key members will be present to receive appropriate congratulatory words. The Secretaries and the Chiefs of Staff of the other services were not included in this group since they can be briefed by a Program B team at a more technical level as soon as engineering images are released.

The structure of the briefing would be as follows: vehicle status, projected schedule until IOC, presentation and discussion of engineering imagery. Secretary Reed or Dr. Cook could host the briefing with appropriate support from Program B.

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Charlie -

Good plan. Suggest that upon successful launch you set a firm date for early January, say the 4th or so, for the briefing at the end of the day in SAT conference room, followed by a short reception in my dining room.
(Briefing @ 4³⁰ p.m.; reception @ 5⁰⁰ p.m.?)

Notify/invite the guest list now, in order to predetermine their travel to Vandenberg / Belvoir.

Tom

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