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VADM HARLFINGER FROM CAPT GEIGER
INFO RADM GRAVELY, RADM RECTANUS AND RADM MOFFIT
CONQUER FOR RADM PHILLIPS

SUBJ: IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS TIMELINESS
OF POPPY OCEAN SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION.

1. IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO THE POPPY PROGRAM HAS
MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN CONTRIBUTING TO
OCEAN SURVEILLANCE. WITHOUT AFFECTING THE
PRIMARY MISSION OF GENERAL SEARCH, MISSION 7107
HAS BEEN OPTIMIZED FOR O/S AND GROUND SITES
ARE BEING AUGMENTED TO RAPIDLY HANDLE TIME
CRITICAL TARGETS. HOWEVER, COMMUNICATIONS

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IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE GROUND SITES TO THE CUSTOMER
HAVE NOT KEPT PACE. A CURSORY LOOK INDICATES
THAT ELAPSED COMMUNICATIONS TIME OF POPPY
INTERCEPT MESSAGES FROM THE SITES TO THE USERS IS
FAR FROM OPTIMUM AND THE RELAY OF THIS
INFORMATION OFTEN TRAVELS A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE.
THE IMMINENT LAUNCH OF MISSION 7107 WITH THE
EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF O/S INTERCEPTS
WARRENTS A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS ASPECT OF POPPY
OPERATIONS.

2. REQUEST THAT THE WHOLE AREA OF COMMUNICATIONS
USED IN REPORTING POPPY INTERCEPTS BE STUDIED
TO DETERMINE AS A MINIMUM:

A. EXISTING CIRCUITS BETWEEN POPPY GROUND SITES
AND THE USERS (INCLUDING EXISTING PLANS FOR

3. AVERAGE OR MEAN TIME DELAY IN THE TRANSMISSION
OF POPPY DERIVED DATA.

3. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ANALYSIS OF THIS
PROBLEM AREA AND A PLAN OR RECOMMENDED PLAN OF

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ACTION WHICH WOULD... MEANS BY WHICH THESE
DELAYS MAY BE OVERCOME, INCLUDING COSTS AND
RECOMMENDED SOURCE OF FUNDING.

4. I SHALL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.
THE POPPY PROJECT OFFICER AT COGNAC IS ODR J. B.
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