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MRP TACTICAL EOB PROGRAM

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B. COGNAC 104-71

1. THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF REF A ARE QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

NAME FOR GEN ALLEN, COGNAC FOR CAPT SEIDER, NAME FOR VADM
GAYLER FROM DR. NOLA

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1. THE MRP HAS INITIATED A NUMBER OF STEPS TO IMPROVE THE
TIMELINESS OF TACTICAL EOB TYPE INFORMATION. THESE INCLUDE:

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A. CONDUCT OF A NUMBER OF EXERCISES/EXPERIMENTS AIMED AT
GATHERING AND DISSEMINATING TO THE SERVICES TIME-CRITICAL EOB
DATA. I. . . PROJECTS TANGIBLE, LEMONWOOD, TACTFUL.

B. AUTHORIZATION OF SECOND USGA P-11 VEHICLE AND PAYLOAD.

C. DECISION TO ACQUIRE STRAWMAN 4 BASED ON A NUMBER OF
FACTORS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE ADDITIONAL EOB CAPABILITY AFFORDED
BY THE THRESHOLD REAPER 4 PAYLOAD.

D. APPROVAL OF A NUMBER OF CONCEPTUAL STUDIES ON TACTICAL
EOB SYSTEMS FOR OCEAN SURVEILLANCE BY THE NAVY. THESE STUDIES
WILL BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER 1971.

E. STRAWMAN EOB REPORTS ARE MADE DAILY TO POSIC. ALSO, A
STRAWMAN CRC MODE HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED.

F. AUGMENTATION OF POPPY GROUND SITES IS PROCEEDING.

2. I EXPECT THE TACTICAL EOB STUDIES TO CONTINUE ON A PRIORITY
BASIS. SINCE THE MRP MUST MAINTAIN THE FLEXIBILITY TO SATISFY
A VARIETY OF REQUIREMENTS, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO CONSIDER
THE OCEAN SURVEILLANCE PROBLEM BY ITSELF. RATHER, IT IS
CLOSELY LINKED WITH OTHER TIME CRITICAL EOB REQUIREMENTS. AN
MRP SYSTEM SHOULD POSSESS THE FLEXIBILITY TO ADDRESS INsofar AS
POSSIBLE TO A VARIETY OF NEEDS, E.G., SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE.

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3. THE MRP WISHES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COLLECTION CAPABILITY
TO ENHANCE THIS IMPORTANT NEED. BOTH COGNAC AND CHISEL HAVE
SUBMITTED THEIR SOLUTIONS FOR CRITICAL EOB BASED UCA
POPPY (AND [REDACTED]) AND 989 TECHNOLOGY. A DECISION ON FUTURE MRP
SYSTEMS FOR THIS MISSION WILL BE MADE BY THE MRP AROUND THE
END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

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2. THE ABOVE POLICY FURTHER INCREASES THE NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT
NOW OF COST ACCEPTABLE [REDACTED]

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