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COGNAC FOR ADM YOWELL, CONCH FOR CAPT QUIGLEY, FROM DR. COOK

SUBJ: POPPY PROGRAM FINAL REPORT

1. THE TERMINATION OF THE POPPY PROGRAM EFFECTIVE 30 SEP 77 CLOSES A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF OVER-HEAD RECONNAISSANCE, A CHAPTER THAT BEGAN UNDER NAVY AUSPICES EVEN BEFORE THE NRO WAS ESTABLISHED. IT IS THEREFORE APPROPRIATE THAT A "FINAL REPORT" ON THE ENTIRE PROGRAM BE PREPARED, A REPORT THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE EARLY GRAB SYSTEMS FIRST LAUNCHED IN 1960.

2. I WOULD ENVISION A SOMEWHAT COMPREHENSIVE, BUT NOT HIGHLY TECHNICAL REPORT THAT WOULD INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS PROGRAM OB-

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JECTIVES, COSTS, CONTRACTORS, MISSION LAUNCH AND TERMINATION DATES, SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS AND ANOMALIES AND THEIR MISSION IMPACTS, SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE CONTRIBUTIONS, AN OVERVIEW OF MISSION SUCCESSES AND FAILURES, GROUND STATIONS, KEY PERSONNEL, ETC.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ME OF WHETHER YOU WOULD INTEND TO COMPILE SUCH A HISTORICAL DOCUMENT USING YOUR OWN IN-HOUSE RESOURCES OR THROUGH CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS. IF CONTRACTED, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ESTIMATION OF COST. COULD YOU ESTIMATE HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO PREPARE THE REPORT?

4. THE DESIGNATED NRO STAFF POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS ACTION IS

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