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*Good idea, John if
Cost can be reasonable
Program office should
be approved and
let them do it*

SUBJECT: FINAL REPORT ON POPPY PROGRAM

It appears that POPPY is destined to be abandoned on 30 September since
Congress is apparently not going to approve funding for further operations.
I recommend that the Program Office be tasked to prepare a "FINAL REPORT"
on the POPPY Program once we abandon 7107.

I would envision a somewhat comprehensive, but not highly technical,
report that would identify and discuss:

- The POPPY Program as a whole
- Program Costs/Contractors
- Program Objectives
- Launch dates, Mission Termination dates, & other milestones
- Problems/anomalies encountered and their impacts on the mission
- Significant intelligence contributions and general overview of
  mission success (would probably require NSA input)
- Significant Non-achievements (ie where did the system not meet
  expectations, if any)
-Lessons learned

Such a report would admittedly be a rather large effort, however for
historical purposes, especially since 7107 is the last of the POPPY
series, I think it would be appropriate if such a report were prepared
as it would give us an indication and measure of our success.

I would further suggest that a similar report be prepared [ ]
and all of the NRO systems as they are terminated.

*let SPO make 747
decission and take money
out of their pocket.*   *John*

*If you think such a report would be worthwhile
we could informally query the program office as to the
cost/manpower impact, how they would handle such a
task, etc and get the staff's reaction. Based on
the feedback we get we could make a decision of
whether or not to approach the front office with
the idea or kill it ourselves.*

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REMARKS

Quiggley called and suggested
we put together a nice published report
of readable length 20-40 pages on P-1's
History. He thought the following should be
included 1. Costs, 2. objectives, 3. Dates of
Major events, 4. Home runs, 5. Lesson learned
6. Technology path finding . . . . .

"_ felt it would really be good
for the program to have a nice
bound document summarizing the flow
of the Program. He said some money
could be made available if needed for
compiling it.

FROM what do you think

DATE 8/10/77

Lee

PHONE