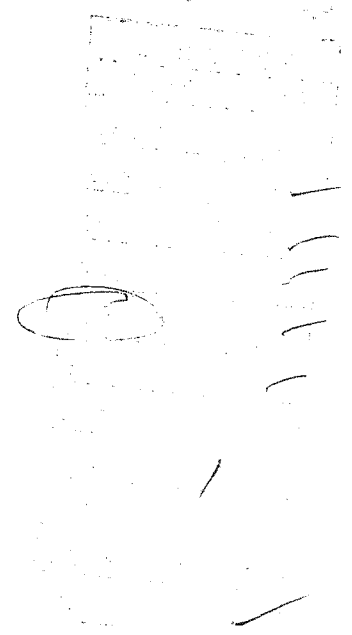


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- D. TELEPHONE CONVERSATION GEN KING AND GEN ALLEN 18 AUG 70.
- 1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS REF C.
- 2. BASED ON THE FURTHER INFO FURNISHED TO ME BY TELEPHONE, I NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROPOSED USE OF THE TRIPOS/BOUSEA PAYLOAD WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO DECLASSIFICATION OF THE HARDWARE AND ITS

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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS. THIS HARDWARE IS OF VERY ADVANCED DESIGN, REPRESENTING THE VERY BEST SATELLITE FERRET STATE-OF-THE-ART. IT IS MORE ELEGANT IN OPERATING PRINCIPLES THAN ANY AIRCRAFT-INSTALLED FERRET EQUIPMENT I KNOW OF. FOR THAT REASON, I RECOMMEND AGAINST RELEASE OF THE PAYLOAD TO NSA FOR THE PURPOSE THEY HAVE IN MIND.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED USE OF VESTON BY THE CIA, THE ADVANCED DESIGN ARGUMENT IS NOT SO STRONG. FURTHER, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS TO REMAIN UNDER U.S. CONTROL. IN THIS CASE, I RECOMMEND THAT THE EQUIPMENT BE RELEASED TO THE CIA, IF ENGINEERING OR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT BY THE PRO IS WANTED BY THE CIA, I WILL PROVIDE IT ON YOUR DIRECTION.

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FROM: GEN KING FOR DR MCLUCAS, INFO GEN ALLEN

REFERENCES: WHIG 0680 AND WHIG 0688.

- 1. REFERENCE WHIG 0680. THE WESTON COMINT PAYLOAD (QUALIFICATION TEST MODEL) AND ITS CHECKOUT CONSOLE ARE IN OPERATING CONDITION. THEY ARE BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT TO CIA.
- 2. REFERENCE WHIG 0688. THE TRIPOS/SOUSEA QUALIFICATION TEST MODEL PAYLOAD AND ITS CONTROL BOX ARE IN OPERATING CONDITION AND ARE BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT TO NSA.
- 3. SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS:
 - A. PAPERWORK TO TRANSFER ACCOUNTABILITY OF THIS COVERT SATELLITE EQUIPMENT FROM SAFSP TO NSA (TRIPPOS/SOUSEA) AND CIA (WESTON) WILL

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BE EARPOP (COVERT) AND PRESENTS NO SECURITY PROBLEM. SHIPPING PRESENTS NO PROBLEM.

B. THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EQUIPMENT ARE OF CONCERN. MANUFACTURES LABELS AND SERIAL NUMBER HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE EXTERIOR SURFACES OF THE SATELLITE HARDWARE TO MINIMIZE EVIDENCE OF MANUFACTURER (WESTON; HRS SINGER, TRIPOS/SOUSEA; AIL, STRUCTURAL PARTS; LMSC). PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL HARDWARE AS SANITIZED ARE ON FILE IN BUILDING 192. IN SPITE OF THESE PRECAUTIONS, THE EQUIPMENTS CARRY MANY MANUFACTURES NAMES ON PARTS AND ARE READILY IDENTIFIABLE AS BEING OF U.S. MANUFACTURE. TO AN EXPERT THESE ARE FERRET PAYLOADS AND TO A VERY SOPHISTICATED ANALYST THESE ARE RECOGNIZABLE AS SATELLITE HARDWARE. THESE CONSIDERATIONS IMPLY THERE IS RISK IN GIVING THE EQUIPMENT TO A BELLIGERENT OR OTHERWISE EXPOSING IT TO CAPTURE OR COMPROMISE. IN MY OPINION THERE IS NO PRACTICAL WAY TO FURTHER SANITIZE THIS PARTICULAR HARDWARE TO REDUCE THESE RISKS.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. I HAVE NO FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE EMPLOYMENT PLANNED FOR THESE EQUIPMENTS. IN EACH CASE I BELIEVE A NON-NRO AGENCY PROPOSES TO (1) ASSUME CUSTODY OF THE HARDWARE AND (2) DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE MANUFACTURER FOR ENGINEERING SUPPORT OF THE EQUIPMENT. THESE SERVICES MUST INVOLVE THE SAME CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

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WHO WORK ON OUR CONTRACTS, BUT THEY ARE IN NO SENSE PERFORMING UNDER
NRO DIRECTION OR CONTROL.

5. I CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF BOTH PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 TO BE VERY
IMPORTANT. FOR THAT REASON I AM HOLDING THE EQUIPMENT HERE AT
[redacted] PENDING YOUR PERSONAL DECISION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ME.

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