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WASHINGTON, D.C.

DIRECTOR SIGINT DIRECTORATE

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SDM-028-93 July 8, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR SIGINT OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Designation of Mission 7247 - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

This memorandum is to inform SORS of the assignment of the TK Mission number of 7247 to the Technology for Autonomous Operational Survivability (TAOS) program. The associated BYEMAN information with the TAOS program will be handled under the BYEMAN

TAOS will be operated as an 18-month experimental smallsat by the Air Force Phillips Lab for the DOD. It is a DOD survivability technology testbed and will be the payload on the first Space Test Program "STEP" bus. TAOS will be launched on the first TAURUS ELV (expendable launch vehicle) into a 300 nm circular orbit, with an inclination of 105 degrees. Command Uplink and Mission Data Downlink will be via the AFSCN. All data will be encrypted.

TAOS contains several subsystems which facilitate on-board survivability.

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