

SOCOMM MESSAGE FORM

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CLASSIFICATION
TOP SECRET

TYPE MSG	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE

PRECEDENCE

ACTION PRIORITY

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~~EARPOP~~

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FROM: WHIG
 TO: CHARGE, CONCERT, [redacted] MADAM, CONSOL,
 WAHOO, JUNO, PROBE, COGNAC

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

HANDLE VIA
BYEMAN
CONTROL SYSTEM

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INFO: ~~CONCERT, COGNAC, PROBE~~

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SS-2 ADMIN	X
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HANDLE VIA BYEMAN-COMINT CHANNELS JOINTLY

~~EARPOP~~ [redacted]

SUBJECT: TOPHAT OPERATION

REFERENCE A. CHARGE 1534 (NOTAL)

B. 1 MAR MEETING BETWEEN CMDR PHILLIPS, LCDR CASWELL AND MAJOR FELDMAN

1. THE OPERATION OF TOPHAT TO COLLECT [redacted] TYPE SIGNALS HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME, THE REFERENCED MESSAGE HAS SERVED TO BRING THE DISCUSSION TO A FRUITFUL CONCLUSION AT THE MEETING BETWEEN CMDR PHILLIPS, LCDR CASWELL AND MAJOR FELDMAN. ~~(REF B)~~ LACK

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	MAJOR FELDMAN / GEIGER	78912	
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OF SECURITY OF THE COMMAND UPLINK OR THE TELEMETRY DOWN-
LINK IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM.
THE GROUND RULES FOR TOPHAT II [] COLLECTION THAT WERE
AGREED TO AT THE MEETING ARE STATED BELOW.

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2. ONLY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL NEED TO BE CLEARED []
FOR THE TOPHAT PROJECT:

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- A. CHARGE PAYLOAD DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL.
- B. MAHDI PAYLOAD DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL.
- C. MADAM PERSONNEL (MAJ GUILD, ETC.).
- D. CONSOL PERSONNEL.
- E. [] PERSONNEL (LT COL BUCKELEW, ETC., LT
WAGNER, ETC. AS WELL AS THE FTFD LT COL TIGER).

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3. GENERALLY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SHOULD BE APPLIED
WHEN DETERMINING NEED FOR [] ACCESS:

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- IF PERSONNEL MUST KNOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE SIGNAL AND TARGET ENTITIES AND/OR TARGET MISSIONS.
- IF PERSONNEL REQUIRE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE SCOPE
OF COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS TO ASSURE REQUIREMENTS

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SATISFACTION.

- IF PERSONNEL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATION OF TASKING (TRANSLATION OF COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS TO SPACECRAFT TASKING). IN CASE OF TOPHAT, ALL PERSONNEL WHO FORMULATE TASKING UP TO RCASP INPUTS).

- PROJECT MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WHOSE ACCESS IS REQUIRED TO ASSURE EFFICIENT SYSTEM DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

4. OTHER PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN MISSION PLANNING, SPACE-CRAFT OPERATION AND DATA PROCESSING CAN PERFORM THEIR DUTIES BY HANDLING THE DATA AS EARPOP INFORMATION ONLY. THIS SCHEME HAS WORKED WELL WITH SPECIAL SIGNALS IN THE PAST AND THERE IS NO REASON TO NOT EXPECT CONTINUED SUCCESS.

5. THE FACT THAT CERTAIN [] MADAM AND MAHDI PERSONNEL CLEARED EARPOP AND NOT [] LEARN THE FREQUENCY, TASKING AREAS FOR THE [] SIGNAL AND THE FACT THAT THE SIGNAL IS A []

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