

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STEWART

SUBJECT: SAC Message [] 3714

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This is another case where a consumer, (SAC) who has a man, (Barthel), (CIA does the same thing with [] with free access to all levels of a contractor, gets distorted opinionated information and uses it to try to run the program. We will, with support from [] answer SAC, again pointing out the technical errors in their message. Meanwhile we will have [] establish a single point of contact within the contractor's plant for Barthel and hopefully move his office out of the contractor's building.

The subject of Mission 7160 is on the agenda at the CSWG tomorrow. We presented the mission description last week and will discuss it in detail with them tomorrow, again reviewing the logic of the present schedule and what intelligence it is expected to yield.

The 698BK missions have never been sold on their location finding capability; it is certainly less than required. Mission 7160 is the last 698BK mission prior to the first MULTIGROUP. MULTIGROUP, the result of over two years development, will have significantly better emitter locations. The on-board processing equipment also is to be much improved.

Admittedly, we need more on-orbit experience with the 698BK/MULTIGROUP types of payloads. Meanwhile, if SAC would prefer not to get the raw unprocessed EARPOP data, NSA could easily arrange that and process it all themselves.

