



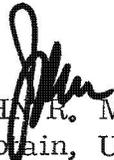
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On July 19, Sgt Williams (AFXPPF) called and stated that the State/Defense message concerning foreign clearances for the 6594th Test Group aircraft had been sent to Wellington and Canberra. I obtained a copy (attached) from AFXPPF, and noted that a parenthetical phrase that might be troublesome had been added to the message on which we originally coordinated. I asked Major Stebbins (AFXPPF) to explain the rationale behind the inclusion of the parenthetical phrase. He stated that Lt Col Reilly (State - G/PM) had requested the phrase be added as an attempt to explain the lack of informative details concerning the referenced programs. I told Maj Stebbins that the parenthetical phrase might present a problem depending on how the message is handled in Wellington and Canberra.

Lt Colonel Yost and I discussed alternatives for ameliorating the effect of the State/Defense message, and we decided to sit tight and see what develops as a result of the State/Defense message.

I informed Maj Stebbins of our decision and specifically requested that he not discuss with Lt Col Reilly our concern over the parenthetical phrase. He agreed, and will keep us apprised of the traffic on this subject.


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