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WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE NRO STAFF

August 26, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. F

SUBJECT: Project Van Winkle

You will recall that on August 25, 1967 you asked CINCSAC to provide the necessary support at Vandenberg AFB for implementation of Project Van Winkle -- which is the long-term storage of Program 206 (GAMBIT) satellite vehicles (Tab A). You also asked CINCSAC to ensure that each succeeding commander of Strategic Air Command and commander of Vandenberg AFB be made aware of Project Van Winkle and all restrictions related thereto.

At Tab B is a letter from General Holloway assuring you that he and General Carlton understand, and will execute, their responsibilities with regard to Project Van Winkle.

> JOHN R. MECEDA Captain, USAF

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON



Office of the Assistant Secretary

August 25, 1967

SUBJ: Long Term Storage of Program 206 Equipment at Vandenberg AFB (Project Van Winkle)

TO: Commander
Strategic Air Command
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

- 1. Two sets of certain classified satellite hardware from Program 206 are being readied for long term storage at Vandenberg AFB. It is intended that this hardware be released to the Air Force Museum and the Smithsonian Institute for display purposes at some future date to be determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.
- 2. In order to facilitate storing this hardware for an indefinite period, it is requested that a suitable storage site be arranged at Vandenberg AFB which will provide approximately 750 sq. ft. of secure storage space at minimal cost. Once the storage site has been selected and approved by the Director of Special Projects, OSAF, and the hardware containers put in place, the storage site must not be changed without prior written approval from the Secretary of the Air Force.
- 3. Due to the sensitive nature of this equipment, it is mandatory that positive security control be established and maintained to preclude forceable or accidental opening of the containers. The external view of the storage containers will be unclassified. Two plaques will be placed on each container indicating the contents are non-explosive and non-hazardous and that Secretary of the Air Force approval is required to move or open the containers.
- 4. Request you advise the Director of Special Projects, OSAF, Los Angeles, California, of the storage site selected so that appropriate arrangements can be made to have this hardware delivered for storage. You are also requested to take necessary action to insure that each succeeding commander of Strategic Air Command, and commander of Vandenberg Air Force Base are made aware of this storage and all restrictions related thereto.

/s/ ALEXANDER H. FLAX

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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA, 68113



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SUBJECT: Project Van Winkle

9 AUG 1968



TO: Director, 16 National Reconnaissance Office

- 1. The actions requested in your 25 August 1967 letter regarding long term storage of Program 206 equipment at Vandenberg AFB have been completed. Building 1538 on Vandenberg AFB is the storage facility and has been approved for this purpose by the Director of Special Projects, OSAF.
- 2. Action has been taken to insure that each succeeding Commander of the Strategic Air Command, and the Commander, 1 Strategic Aerospace Division, Vandenberg AFB is aware of this storage and all restrictions related thereto. General Carlton, new Commander, 1 STRATAD and I have been briefed and understand our responsibilities.

B. K. HOLLOWAY, General, USAF Commander in Chief

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS (OSAF) AF UNIT POST OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045

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Long Term Storage of GAMBIT Hardware at Vandenberg AFB (Project Van Winkle)

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- All actions have been completed with respect to placement of two sets of subject hardware and associated documentation in long term storage at Vandenberg AFB, California, for eventual release to the Air Force Museum and Smithsonian Institute.
- This equipment has been transferred to the 1st Strategic Aerospace Division (SAC) and is now located in VAFB Building 1538 where it will remain under the custody of the 51st Munitions Maintenance Squadron (SAC) until released by the Secretary of the Air Force.
- Transmitted herewith are copies of the following documents which have been stored with subject hardware.
  - GAMBIT Program Summary Report
- b. Microfilm copy of Summary Report Appendices (six rolls). (All documents placed in storage are void of any security classification markings.)
- In addition, a signed copy of the Project Van Winkle Memorandum of Agreement between the Commander, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division (SAC) and Deputy Commander of SAMSO for Satellite Programs (AFSC) is attached along with signed copies of the required DD Form 1149, Requisition and Invoice/Shipping Document, which identify the specific items of hardware placed in storage.

JOHN L. MARTIN, JR.

Brigadier General, USAF

Director

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- GAMBIT Program Summary Report
- 2. Microfilm Copy of Appendices
- 3. SAC/AFSC Memo of Agreement
- DD Form 1149's

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