MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: TAGBOARD Drone/Bomber Configuration

With respect to your question about whether TAGBOARD should be considered as a drone/bomber, we have done some investigation and discussed this with the Air Staff and SAC. The TAGBOARD basic cost is $2.5M. If it were fitted out as a weapon system and flight qualified, it would cost considerably more. In today's austere budget environment, I am not sure that we should consider it further. However, I will be glad to do any additional analysis or other work which you might suggest.

John L. McLucas

Johnny, you have answered my question - the cost is too high - it is probably too high even for presumed mission.

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