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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON, D.C.



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MEMORANDUM FOR SAFSS (COL SWEENEY)
JRC/JCS ()

SUBJECT: TAGBOARD Test

A TAGBOARD test flight (nickname STICK SHIFT) is planned over Alaska during 21-24 October 1970. The TAGBOARD launch will be on a non-interference basis with the scheduled GAMBIT launch.

A profile of the drone's flight path over Alaska and the recovery area is attached. The launch of the drone from the B-52 occurs in Warning area W-260 off the coast of California West of San Francisco.

Proposed launch time is 2030Z, total time of drone flight 91 minutes.

PMR is the lead range for the test operation. Two of their EC-121 Command & Control aircraft will operate from NAS Whidbey Island (North of Seattle) and two from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. The JC-130 recovery force will also operate out of Elmendorf AFB.

Program D, through JRC/JCS, will coordinate support requirements and radar reporting directly with NORAD, ALCOM, ADC and AAC.

The drone's flight path approaches no closer than 300 miles to the closest Soviet radar site which should place it outside of their detection range.

The take from the test mission will be flown to Rochester for processing.

Request JRC coordinate with NSA and SAFSS-4 coordinate with over-head systems to make sure appropriate collection agencies are aware of the TAGBOARD flight in case there is any reaction. For your information the drone will be transmitting TM on either 248.6MHz or 253.8MHz.

1 Attachment
Flight path

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