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PRIORITY CHARGE INFO WHIG

GAMBIT HEXAGON CHARGE FOR COHEN/KINDEL FOR ANDREWS

REFERENCE: CHARGE 5381 (RETRANSMITTING 6086)

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SUBJECT: SATELLITE DECAY REPORTING

1. IN ANSWER TO THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION POSED BY THE REFERENCED MESSAGES, EACH PROGRAM OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:
   A. DETERMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF A MISSION OR TECHNOLOGY COMPROMISE WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM DECAY/IMPACT OF ONE OF ITS PAYLOADS.
   B. DEFINING THE TIP MESSAGE CLASSIFICATION.

2. REQUESTED PROCEDURES:
   A. FOR THOSE NRP PAYLOADS WHICH WERE OR ARE CON

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TROLLED CHARGE SHOULD MAKE A DETERMINATION OF THE POSSIBLE MISSION COMPROMISE RESULTING FROM DRAG DEATH/REENTRY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO HAVE SDC RECLASSIFY THE TIP MESSAGES. (BASED ON MOON DUST AND VAST EXPERIENCE IT APPEARS THAT THE VEHICLES OF CONCERN ARE FRAGILE IN TERMS OF REENTRY SURVIVABILITY.) FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING ON ORBIT AS OF 1 AUG 73.

SDC DESIGNATOR MISSION NUMBER NAME EXPECTED DECAY DATE

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NOTE--ACTUAL ORBIT NOT CARRIED IN SDC CATALOGUE.
ON THE OUTSET OF ANY PAYLOAD DECAY OPERATION, SDC, CHARGE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY WHIG/WAHOO OF THE FACT OF PENDING DECAY, AND WHETHER OR NOT SPECIAL CLASSIFIED REPORTING PROCEDURES WERE REQUESTED.
SHOULD KEEP WHIG/WAHOO FULLY APPRISED OF THE DETAILS OF TIP OPERATIONS THROUGH COMPLETION OF POST-DECAY ANALYSES.
FOR CONTINGENCY TIP REPORTING, THE PROCEDURES ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN COP 71-1 WILL BE USED.
CONSIDERING THAT WHIG/WAHOO WILL BE CURRENT ON ALL TIP EVENTS (THROUGH PROCEDURES IN PARAGRAPHS A AND B), SPECIAL CONCERN ON THE PART OF OTHERS NORMALLY RECEIVING DECAY INFORMATION (E.G., CHAIRMAN, JCS) WILL BE MORE EASILY ALLAYED.
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