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Subject: DoD Congressional Action

1. As part of the FY 80 Appropriations Act, Congress included provisions for implementing Congressionally Directed Program Cancellations. These provisions start when either the House or Senate Authorization or Appropriation Committees direct a program cancellation. When such occurs the program is to continue at the minimum feasible level pending final congressional action.

2. The House, in its markup of the FY 81 NRP budget, has denied the requested funds for DoD. Accordingly, to comply with the above provisions, DoD is directed to take the following actions:

a. Contract Extensions: Modifications, or changes which increase the scope of work or pace of the program should not be executed.

b. A Contract Termination Plan should be developed for implementing pending final congressional action. Consistent with the termination plan, stop-work orders shall be issued immediately following final congressional action cancelling programs, i.e., if the cancellation is sustained in conference.

c. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) shall not be issued. In carrying out the above actions, the only exceptions are those which would impact the existing Congressionally Approved Program Schedule.

3. It is recognized by the Congress that certain contract phase-out activity will continue beyond the issuance of the stop-work orders and that with prior approval of the congressional committees, certain elements of a program may not be terminated. These are for the most part any fall-out hardware, spacecraft components, etc., that could be more efficiently transferred to other programs.

4. For compliance with the above, request that you provide us with any exceptions to Para 2 above needed to maintain schedule, and elements of the program (Para 3 above) that should be continued that would provide useful hardware to other programs and any increase in scope anticipated during close out to effect this.

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