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FOR: [] FR: A. DAVIS

SUBJ: DAMON ACTIVATION MSG

THE FOLLOWING MSG IS PROVIDED TO YOU PENDING RECEIPT OF
ACTIVATION MSG FROM USAF. DELAY IN SENDING THIS WAS
DUE TO ANOTHER SNAG BETWEEN DIA AND USAF. YOU SHOULD
RECEIVE THE USAF MSG SHORTLY.

QUOTE.
PART I.

EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY, PROJECT DAMON IS ACTIVATED AS A
NEW COMPARTMENTED COLLECTION PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAIS-
SANCE OFFICE. SIMULTANEOUSLY ZEUS/PATHFINDER IS DEACTIVATED
AS A NAMED STUDY WITHIN THE BYEMAN CONTROL SYSTEM. THIS ACTION,
TAKEN AT THE TIME OF FORMAL INITIATION OF THE PROGRAM, IS TO
ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE COLLECTION PROJECT.

BCO'S SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REVIEW ALL HOLDERS OF ZEUS APPROVALS
TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE REQUIREMENT FOR ZEUS ACCESS IS CURRENTLY
VALID. IF NOT, THEY SHOULD BE DEBRIEFED. THIS REVIEW SHOULD
BE UTILIZED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEED OUT HOLDERS OF ZEUS APPRO-
VALS WHO NO LONGER REQUIRE THE ACCESS. THE NEED FOR CONTINUED
ACCESS MUST BE BASED UPON DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DAMON PRO-
GRAM.

THERE WILL BE NO AUTOMATIC CONVERSION TO DAMON. THOSE NOW
BRIEFED BYECOM WHO HAVE A NEED TO KNOW WILL BE BRIEFED ON DAMON,
BUT OATHS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES APPLY TO THE GRANTING OF DAMON ACCESS:

- A. NRO COMPONENTS, OTHER THAN PROGRAM A, WILL COORDINATE THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS WITH THE NRO STAFF.
- B. THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SHOULD SUBMIT ALL REQUESTS FOR DAMON ACCESS TO THE NRO STAFF OR PROGRAM A. APPROVAL CRITERIA WILL BE BASED ON DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DAMON PROGRAM.
- C. CIA COMPONENTS WILL OBTAIN DAMON APPROVALS THROUGH THE SPECIAL SECURITY CENTER, CIA. APPROVAL CRITERIA WILL BE BASED ON DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DAMON PROGRAM. JUSTIFICATION NOT MEETING THIS CRITERIA MUST BE DISAPPROVED OR REFERRED TO THE NRO STAFF FOR RESOLUTION.
- D. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR DAMON ACCESS FROM NON-NRIB AGENCIES MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE NRO STAFF OR PROGRAM A FOR APPROVAL, THROUGH THE SPECIAL SECURITY CENTER, CIA.
- E. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BCO'S WILL FURNISH TO THE BCO, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, LISTS OF PERSONNEL CONSIDERED TO

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HAVE A VALID REQUIREMENT FOR DAMON. DIA WILL COORDINATE APPROVALS WITH THE NRO STAFF. MUST-KNOW AUTHORITY WILL BE RETAINED BY THE DNRO FOR DOD AGENCIES. DAMON ACCESSSES ALREADY ISSUED TO SERVICE TENCAP OFFICERS NEED NOT BE REJUSTIFIED.

ALL PERSONNEL INDOCTRINATED FOR DAMON MUST BE INFORMED OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE UTMOST SECURITY. THERE MUST NOT BE ANY OPEN REFERENCE TO A "DA" OR "D" WHICH IN ANY WAY RELATES TO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM INFORMATION WITH PERSONS NOT HOLDING DAMON APPROVAL (EVEN IF SUCH PERSONS HELD ZEUS/PATHFINDER ACCESS), OR SUCH COMMENTS AS "IT'S A NEW VERSION OF ZEUS OR PATHFINDER" ARE PROHIBITED. NOR WILL THERE BE ANY REFERENCE IN SECURE OR NON-SECURE CHANNELS TO DAMON ACCESSSES "BEING THE SAME AS" OR "REPLACING ZE ACCESSSES." (THIS INSTRUCTION MESSAGE IS AN AUTHORIZED EXCEPTION). IN ADDITION, SINCE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, PASSING OF DAMON ACCESS BY NON-SECUR MEANS (SUCH AS BY TELEPHONE) IS DISCOURAGED. THIS WILL HELP TO MINIMIZE OPEN ASSOCIATIONS OF VARIOUS COVERT PROGRAM ELEMENTS.

MARKING OF DOCUMENTS:

A. ALL NEW MATERIAL GENERATED SHOULD BE MARKED WITH THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION AND DAMON PROJECT DESIGNATOR (OR THE PROJECT ABBREVIATION DA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYEMAN MANUAL.

B. EXISTING MATERIAL BEARING ZEUS/PATHFINDER MARKINGS SHOULD HAVE THE DAMON DESIGNATOR AFFIXED BEFORE IT IS REISSUED, TRANSMITTED, COPIED, OR OTHERWISE DISSEMINATED OR UTILIZED. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENT, THE ZEUS DESIGNATOR SHOULD BE OBLITERATED.

C. EXISTING ZEUS RELATED MATERIAL WHICH IS FILED AND NOT LIKELY TO BE USED NEED NOT BE REDESIGNATED, UNLESS OR UNTIL IT IS TO BE USED AS SPECIFIED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.

D. IT IS NOT CONTEMPLATED THAT THE MARKINGS ON THESE FILE ITEMS WILL BE CHANGED AUTOMATICALLY UNLESS THEY ARE TO BE UTILIZED. SIMPLY PROTECT AS DAMON RATHER THAN ZEUS.

E. STAMPS AND INDOCTRINATION BRIEFINGS WILL BE FURNISHED TO BCO'S AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

F. BYEMAN SDCOMM COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DAMON-AUTHORIZED LINKS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AND ACTIVATED.

PART II. INDOCTRINATION BRIEFING.

THIS BRIEFING PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING A COVERT, COMPARTMENTED NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION PROGRAM KNOWN AS DAMON. THE SENSITIVITY OF DAMON TECHNOLOGY AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR SPACE-BASED INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS REQUIRES THE EXTRA PROTECTION AFFORDED BY COMPARTMENTATION WITHIN THE BYEMAN SYSTEM. BECAUSE DAMON IS THE FIRST NRO SYSTEM TO USE THE SPACE SHUTTLE AND BECAUSE OF THE INHERENTLY OPEN NATURE OF THE NASA CIVILIAN SPACE PROGRAM, IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE DAMON MISSION AND THE BYEMAN CONTROL SYSTEM BE AFFORDED STRICT PROTECTION. AN EXTREMELY STRICT "MUST KNOW" POLICY IS ENFORCED ON ACCESS APPROVALS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE. ALL ACCESS REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED BY BCO'S IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE NRO.

DAMON INVOLVES THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF AN EXPERIMENTAL SPACE SHUTTLE BASED PHOTO-RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM WHICH IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING LARGE TERRESTRIAL AREA COVERAGE IN MEDIUM RESOLUTION

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STEREOSCOPIC PHOTOGRAPHY FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. THE SYSTEM IS A SORTIE PAYLOAD WHICH IS NOT DEPLOYED ON-ORBIT, BUT WHICH RETURNS WITH THE SPACE SHUTTLE. THE EXPOSED FILM IS REMOVED AND THE SYSTEM RECYCLED FOR SUBSEQUENT MISSIONS. ANOTHER PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVE OF THE DAMON PROGRAM IS TO ESTABLISH PRECEDENT, POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND INTERFACES FOR NRO USE OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

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SUBJ: DAMON ACTIVATION MSG

ASSOCIATIONS AMONG SAFSP, THE NRO AND DAMON CONTRACTORS ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE BYEMAN CONTROL SYSTEM. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL BEING BRIEFED FOR DAMON WILL BE GIVEN ONLY ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PROJECT SO THAT THEY MAY ADEQUATELY PERFORM THEIR DUTIES. THE MATERIAL PRESENTED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS PHASE III. BSO'S SHOULD EXTRACT APPROPRIATE INFORMATION FOR PHASE I AND PHASE II BRIEFINGS. TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING THE EXTENT OF INFORMATION TO BE CONVEYED IN A BRIEFING, THE PHASES OF SENSITIVITY AS OUTLINED IN THE BYEMAN SECURITY MANUAL WILL APPLY TO DAMON INDOCTRINATIONS.

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO SECURITY CONTROL UNDER BYEMAN PROJECT DAMON IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DEVELOPING A SYSTEM TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING THE SPACE SHUTTLE AS A PLATFORM FOR RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.

B. TECHNOLOGY AND SYSTEM DESIGN OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION PAYLOAD.

C. TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AND BUDGET INFORMATION.

D. MISSION INFORMATION.

E. SYSTEM CAPABILITIES AND PERFORMANCE.

F. SYSTEM VULNERABILITY.

G. PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS.

H. PROGRAM SCHEDULES.

PART III. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES.

TOP LEVEL SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"ITER" "BYEMAN CLASSIFICATION WITHIN DAMON COMPARTMENT"

A. PART II OF THIS MSG TOP SECRET

B. THE FACT OF US DEVELOPMENT OF A SHUTTLE BASED WIDE AREA SYSTEM FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE SECRET

C. PROJECT DESIGNATION, DAMON SECRET

D. PROJECT ABBREVIATION "DA" UNCLASSIFIED

E. WHEN "DA" PROJECT ABBREVIATION

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PARTICIPATING GOVT OR
CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATION(S)
F. OVERALL ACQUISITION/
PROGRAM MGT PLANS AND
SCHEDULES

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G. IDENTIFICATION
(1) OF NRO AS SPONSOR
(2) OF PROGRAM A OR
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H. KNOWLEDGE OF BASIC
TECHNOLOGICAL COMPONENTS
AND DEVELOPMENT STATUS

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I. COSTS/FUNDING LEVELS

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J. GENERAL FUNCTIONAL
DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC
SYSTEM

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K. SYSTEM AND COLLECTION
REQUIREMENTS

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L. SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDIES
AND ASSESSMENTS

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A FORMAL PROJECT DAMON BRIEF/CLASSIFICATION GUIDE CONTAINING
DETAILED BYEMAN CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
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