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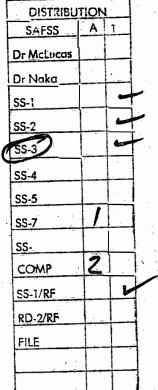
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GAMBITA HEXAGON/ZAMAN
FOR DR. MC LUCAS FROM GEN ALLEN
SUBJECT: INTERIM SYSTEM FILM READOUT GAMBIT STATUS
REFERENCE: WHIG 0531 AND CHARGE 2507.
1. A STATUS REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE AND OU
PHILOSOPHY OF MANAGEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE GAMBIT
FILM READOUT SYSTEM FOLLOWS:
2. CONTRACTS WERE INITIATED WITH LMSC AND EKC ON
28 APR 71 FOR THE DEFINITION PHASE OF THE READOUT
SYSTEM MAXIMUM COST FOR THESE TWO CONTRACTS IS
A COMPETITIVE DEFINITION PHASE FOR THE
SYSTEM SOFTWARE IS IN PROCESS. COSTS FOR THIS
EFFORT WILL NOT EXCEED
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PAGE 3 CHARGE 2544 T O P S E INITIATION OF THE DEFLECTION PHASE AND AN ORDERLY TRANSFER FROM SP-6 TO IS PLAMMED PRIOR TO 1 JUL 71. 5. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES WILL VARY ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM SAMBIT. EKC HAS BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE IMAGING CHAIN FROM ENTRANCE PUPIL TO REPRODUCED PHOTOGRAPH ON THE GROUND. THIS ASSIGNMENT RESULTS IN A SUBCONTRACT REQUIREMENT FOR THE DATA LINK FOR THICH EKO HAS SELECTED PADIATION, INC. THE LASER SCAMBER SUBSYSTEM SUBCONTRACTOR WILL NOT BE SELECTED UNTIL SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE MITH THE CURRENT PARALLEL DEMONSTRATION EFFORT. HOWEVER. I HAVE ANFORMED EKO THAT THEY WILL MAKE THIS SELECTION BASED ON COST, SCHEDULE AND PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS AND THAT. BEYOND NORMAL REVIEW AND CONSENT RESPONSIBILITIES, I DO NOT ANTICIPATE INTERFERRING WITH THEIR COMPETITIVE SELECTION. LMSC HAS BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE CRBITAL CONTROL VEHICLE TO INCLUDE THE COMMAND SYSTEM WHICH IS GFE ON GAMBIT. LMSC WILL PERFORM IN A SYSTÉMS INTEGRATION ROLE TO BE SPECIFICALLY DEFINED DURING THE DEFINITION PHASE.

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THIS CONTRACT ARRANGEMENT SHOULD FACILITATE EFFECTIVE
INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS AND PROVIDE A RELATIVELY SIMPLE
MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE. THE SUBCONTRACT STRUCTURE
WILL BE REVIEWED BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ACQUISITION.
6.AT PRESENT, I DO NOT PLAN TO INCLUDE ATTACK REPORTER
SYSTEM OR VULNERABILITY MEASURES IN THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT. WE WILL CONSIDER INTERFACE PROVISIONS AND A
WEIGHT ALLOCATION WHICH WOULD BE TRADED AGAINST
EXPENDABLES. WE CAN RELY ON

AFTER NOTING RESPONSE FROM THE HEXAGON INSTALLATION.

7. L ALSO HAVE DIRECTED AN INVESTIGATION OF

THE APPROACH HERE IS TO PROVIDE DELTA COSTS
FOR SEVERAL OPTIONS OF VARYING COMPLEXITY. THESE
OPTIONS INCLUDE

THESE DELTA COSTS

WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 1 JUL SUBMISSIONS. I FEEL, HOWEVER,
THAT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE
FOLLOWING CONCEPT: IN AN INTERIM SYSTEM WITH EMPHASIS
ON CRISIS CAPABILITY, IT COULD BE ACCEPTED THAT THE

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U.S. MAY WISH TO USE THE PRODUCT IN A BI-LATERAL

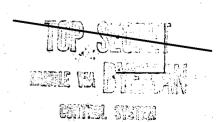
DISCUSSION. THIS PRODUCT WOULD NOT BE SPECIFICALLY

REVEALING OF THE CAPABILITIES OF GAMBIT RECOVERY,

HEXAGON OR ZAHAN. THEREFORE. IT SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE

TO RELAX THE CONCERN ABOUT

AND STAY



THE SIMPLE PLAN WE INITIALLY PROPOSED.

3. THE SECURITY POLICY AFFECTING THIS INTERIM SYSTEM FOR THE MEAR TERM IS CONTAINED IN CHARGE 2507. MY PRESENT CONVICTION IS THAT THE PROGRAM FOLLOWING ACCUSATION GO-AHEAD CAN BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED UNDER THE GAMBIT CAVEAT. SOME SUB-COMPARTMENTATION WILL BE NEEDED AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF SECURITY AT THE GROUND STATION BUT I DO NOT RECOMMEND A NEW CODEMORS.

9. IN SUPPARY, I FULLY INTEND TO INITIATE, DEVELOP, AND FLY THIS INTERIM READOUT SYSTEM IN 36 MONTHS AFTER GO-AHEAD, AND TO MANAGE IT WITH FIRM COST-CONSCIENTIOUS-NESS, SCHEDULE, AND PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS.

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