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KWDITTO FOR [REDACTED]  
FROM: MAJGEN J. KOLPA/COL L. MCCHRISTIAN  
SUBJECT: SLC-4W LAUNCH PLANNING  
REFERENCE: A. [REDACTED] MSG 1549, DTD 21 NOV 80  
B. KWBISON MSG 9941, DTD 29 SEP 80

1. ASSUMING A LAUNCH OF [REDACTED] GAMBIT VEHICLES  
S1 OR S2 CAN SUPPORT A LAUNCH OF NET 19 FEB 81. PROCESSING,  
SHIPPING, AND CHECKOUT OF THE BOOSTER IS THE PACING SCHEDULE  
CONSTRAINT AS BOTH GAMBIT VEHICLES WILL BE IN A L-45 CALL-UP  
STATUS BY THE END OF DEC 80. TO SUPPORT THE 19 FEB 81 LAUNCH  
DATE, GAMBIT BOOSTER PROCESSING AT [REDACTED] MUST COMMENCE BY 3 DEC 80.  
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE LAUNCH DATE OF [REDACTED] WOULD BE 69 DAYS  
AFTER THE GAMBIT LAUNCH.

2. AS DISCUSSED IN KWBISON 9941, THE RECOMMENDED LAUNCH DATE  
FOR GAMBIT (G-S1) IS 1 MAR 81. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THIS DATE,  
A GAMBIT BOOSTER DECISION IS REQUIRED ON 9 DEC 80. AGAIN, THE  
EARLIEST [REDACTED] LAUNCH WOULD BE 69 DAYS AFTER THE GAMBIT LAUNCH.

3. THE DECISION DATE FOR SELECTION BETWEEN GAMBIT S1 OR S2,  
AS WELL AS THE MISSION SCENARIO (E.G., FLIGHT ALTITUDE, ETC.),  
IS REQUIRED BY LAUNCH MINUS 30 DYS. THE DUE DATE FOR THE TARGET  
FILE FOR THE SELECTED MISSION IS LAUNCH MINUS 8 DAYS AS STATED  
IN THE [REDACTED] REPORT CONTROL MANUAL.

4. SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF ALL FILM TYPES ARE CURRENTLY  
AVAILABLE FOR EITHER GAMBIT MISSION. STANDARD FLIGHT LOADS  
(AS DEFINED BELOW) ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN STORAGE FOR  
UPLOADING AT LAUNCH MINUS 25 DAYS. IF CUSTOM FILM LOADS ARE  
REQUIRED, FILM LOAD DEFINITION MUST BE COMPLETED BY LAUNCH  
MINUS 30 DAYS. THE STANDARD FILM STACKS AVAILABLE AT KWRISK  
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. 9-INCH SO-312 13,250 FT (HI-RES OR SEARCH)
- B. 5-INCH SO-312 950 FT (IN 5 SEGMENTS)
- SO-409 450 FT (TWO 150 FT SEGMENTS  
IN SRV-1; ONE 150 FT  
SEGMENT IN SRV-2)
- SO-255 600 FT (TWO 150 FT SEGMENTS  
PER SRV)
- SO-130 600 FT (TWO 150 FT SEGMENTS  
PER SRV)

C. ANY OF THE ADDITIONAL 400 FT OF SO-312 NOT USED IN

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TESTING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.  
5. KWISOR WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PUBLICATION AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF CHANGES TO THE USER'S MANUAL PER AGREEMENTS  
REACHED WITH ██████████ AT THE 4 NOV 88 SIWG MEETING HELD  
IN SUNNYVALE. ██████████ AND DAVE NELSON WILL SERVE AS  
KWISOR'S ACTION OFFICERS TO ASSURE TIMELY COMPLETION OF THIS  
MANUAL.

6. IN SUMMARY, WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT ANY OPTION YOU  
DESIRED FOR GAMBIT 51 OR 52. HOWEVER, MY RECOMMENDATION  
IS TO PROCEED WITH THE LAUNCH OF GAMBIT 51 IN EARLY  
MARCH PRIOR TO THE LAUNCH OF ██████████. THIS WILL ALLOW US  
MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN THE LAUNCH DECISION BETWEEN  
HEXAGON 17 AND ██████████ AS WELL AS MAINTAINING THE CAPABILITY  
TO LAUNCH GAMBIT 52 IN AN OPTIMUM SEARCH MODE IN AUGUST  
IF REQUIRED.

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