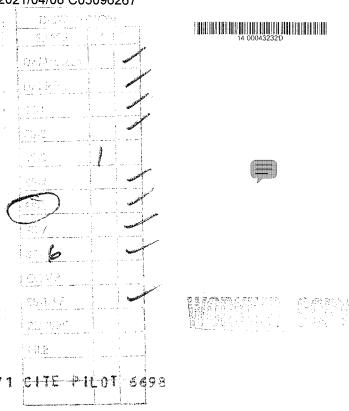
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PRIORITY WHIG
FROM CARL DUCKETT
SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON DRAFT EDI PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLAN
REF WHIG 1552

THE REFERENCED DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPRESSES ME AS BEING THOROUGH, COMPLETE, AND, IN THE MAIN, SATISFACTORY. I DO, HOWEVER, HAVE TWO SPECIFIC COMMENTS COVERED BELOW.

THE TERM NEAR REAL TIME (NRT) AND ELECTRO OPTICAL IMAGING SYSTEM (ECI) ARE USED INTERCHANGEABLY THROUGHOUT THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN. I WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE SYSTEM REFERRED TO AS THE ELECTRO OPTICAL IMAGING (ECI SYSTEM) AND NOT THE NEAR REAL TIME SYSTEM. THE TERM NEAR REAL TIME HAS LED TO CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN THE PAST AND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE. ELECTRO OPTICAL IMAGING SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY FOR ACQUIRING IMAGERY OF AN ARBITRARILY DESIGNATED TARGET OR AREA IN NEAR REAL TIME. ALTHOUGH THE SYSTEM DOES RETURN IMAGERY TO THE USER IN NEAR REAL TIME, MANY PEOPLE HAVE CONFUSED THIS SYSTEM CHARACTERISTIC WITH A MUCH BROADER CAPABILITY OF MEARLY

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INSTANTANEOUS RESPONSE TO A TARGET COVERAGE REQUIREMENT.

3. MODIFY PARA 4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE ( )
PROJECT IS ASSIGNED TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIA RECONNAISSANCE
PROGRAMS. HE WILL DESIGNATE A SYSTEM PROJECT DIRECTOR (SPD) WHO
IS RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE THROUGH HIM TO THE D/NRO FOR THE
TOTAL SYSTEM ACQUISITION AND OPERATION. THE TOTAL SYSTEM
ACQUISITION WILL INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF THE
SPACECRAFT, SENSORS, SUPPORT SYSTEMS, AND CROUND FACILITIES.
THE SPD WILL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM PROJECT OFFICE (SPO) WHICH W \_\_\_\_

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ASSUME DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERALL PROGRAM."

- 4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE CHANGES, THE TERM SPO SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE GLOSSARY OF TERMS.
- 5. THE LANGUAGE OF PARA 18 IMPLIES THAT THE ELECTRO OPTICAL IMAGING SYSTEM WILL BE TASKED IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO CURRENT SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS. I KNOW THAT DIA, CIA, AND COMIREX HAVE TAKEN THE VIEW THAT THE GENERATION OF REQUIREMENTS AND THE TASKING OF THE ELECTRO OPTICAL IMAGING SYSTEM MUST BE THE SUBJECT OF CAREFUL STUDY IN ORDER TO ASSURE OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF THE RESOURCE. ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS

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ARE, IN FACT, CONDUCTING RELATED STUDIES AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE,
IN MY VIEW A SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE ON TASKING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
MANAGEMENT PLAN IS INAPPROPRIATE. I WOULD RECOMMEND LANGUAGE
ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

"PARA 18. THE NRO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL TASKING OF THE ECI SYSTEM AND WILL RECEIVE INTELLIGENCE REQUIRE-MAENTS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED INTERFACE WITH USIB COMMITTEES AND ASSURE ADEQUATE COLLECTION AGAINST THOSE REQUIREMENTS BY MRP SYSTEMS. SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR TARGET PLANNING AND TASKING WILL BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE."

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