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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Naka

Yesterday, when I was reviewing the cost numbers given to the principles before the last EXCOM for the various options they were to consider, I found a substantial error in the "Mix 4" EOI cost presentation which I would like to bring to your attention.

In the paper you distributed, the EOI cost numbers for ${\tt Mix}\ 1$ and ${\tt Mix}\ 4$ were as follows:

FY71 72 73 74 75 76 77 Total

Mix 1
(EOI-75

Mix 4
(EOI-76)

Although the detail costs of the stretched out schedule have not been fully defined as yet, it is clear that the EOI costs for Mix 4 should have been given about as follows:

FY71 72 73 74 75 76 77 Total

Mix 1
(EOI-75

Mix 4
(EOI-76

The effect of this correction is to show that the cost of adding FROG and delaying EOI availability to 1976 is almost more than the principles were assuming when they made their decision.

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As a separate matter, it would also seem appropriate to change the GAMBIT/HEXAGON launch projections in Mix 4 to comply with COMIREX's recent letter to you on this subject.

The cost projections distributed before the meeting assumed that FROG could replace five GAMBITs in FY 75, 76 and 77 and that HEXAGON launches could be reduced from 3 to 2 when FROG and EOI came along. I believe the COMIREX letter makes it clear that these assumptions cannot be made at this time. A correction to add 5 GAMBITs and 1 HEXAGON to Mix 4 would make Mix 4 another or so more costly than was assumed by the EXCOM at their last meeting.

Making all these corrections, the cost projections would show that the effect of adding FROG and delaying EOI to 1976 would be an increase in NRP cost by through FY 77 rather than the assumed by the EXCOM principles at the last meeting.

I believe it is important to make the EXCOM members aware of these changes before the next meeting.

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