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SUBJECT: DR. MCLUCAS VISIT (U)

1. (G) DR. MCLUCAS VISITED SAC HEADQUARTERS ON 10 SEPTEMBER FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO ELLSWORTH, BEALE AND VANDENBERG ON 11-12 SEPTEMBER. PROGRAMS TAILORED TO HIS PREVIOUS REQUEST WERE PRESENTED AT EACH LOCATION. THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS.

A. (S) SAC HEADQUARTERS- BRIEFING CONSISTED OF (1) CLASSIFIED COMMAND BRIEFING COVERING CURRENT FORCE POSTURE AND SEA ACTIVITIES; (2) THE THREAT AS REFLECTED IN THE CURRENT NIPP (FY-69); (3) CAPABILITIES/DAMAGE EXPECTANCY (THIS IS THE SAME BRIEFING YOU RECEIVED IN AUGUST DURING YOUR VISIT HERE.); (4) TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE, DEFENSE ANALYSIS AND TOUR OF 544TH ARTW FACILITIES; (5) COMMAND CONTROL; AND (6) RECONNAISSANCE. FOLLOWING THE

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FORMAL BRIEFINGS, HE WAS CONDUCTED ON A TOUR OF "LOOKING GLASS"  
AND "BIG TEAM" AIRCRAFT. THE DAY WAS CONCLUDED WITH A VISIT TO

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THE 4820TH SUPPORT GROUP WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE MISSION, CURRENT  
AND PROGRAMMED GROWTH ACTIVITIES. HE WAS ALSO GIVEN AN INSIGHT AS TO  
THE BLUE-SUIT POTENTIAL OF THIS UNIT.

B. (TS) SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION ITEMS WERE:

(1) (TS) MAJOR WARTIME RECONNAISSANCE DEFICIENCIES PERTAINING  
TO PRELAUNCH SURVIVABILITY, OVERFLIGHT SURVIVABILITY, AND TIMELINESS OF  
THE PRODUCT TO THE NATIONAL DECISION-MAKER WERE DISCUSSED. OUR  
ANSWERS STATED THAT ALL THREE DEFICIENCIES ARE AFFECTED BY THE FACT  
THAT CURRENT AND NEAR TERM SYSTEMS WERE TAILORED FOR A PEACETIME-  
CRISES MANAGEMENT ROLE. HAD THEY BEEN DESIGNED TO THE WARTIME ROLE,  
THEY WOULD SATISFY BOTH MISSIONS. SAC EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION  
INCLUDE STUDIES AND SUBMISSION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR [REDACTED]  
UNMANNED SYSTEMS.

(2) (TS) DR. MCLUCAS WAS CONCERNED WITH THE ABILITY OF THE  
[REDACTED]

WITHOUT CROSS REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS. WE ARE RESEARCHING  
AVAILABLE SR-71 MATERIA AND WILL PROVIDE DR. MCLUCAS WITY PHOTOGRAPHS

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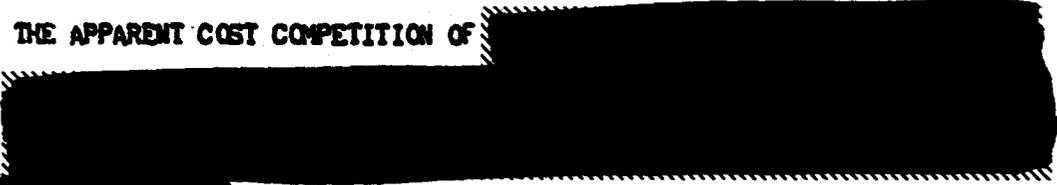
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FOR REVIEW.

(3) (S) HE ASKED WHAT PHOTO SYSTEMS WOULD BE RELINQUISHED IF ONE OF THE SYSTEMS HAD TO BE DELETED. THE ANSWER, BASED ON CURRENT PAGE 3 RHCOAA0665 ~~TOP SECRET~~ OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS (SEA), STATED THE HIGH DRONE WAS THE LEAST PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE THE ANSWER IF THE PROJECTED AND POTENTIAL REQUIREMENTS WERE EXAMINED ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS. HE WAS INFORMED THE SR-71 HAD THE GREATEST COLLECTION POTENTIAL WHICH COULD BE EXPLOITED IF AUTHORITY AND SUPPORT COULD BE OBTAINED FOR ITS EMPLOYMENT ON A GLOBAL BASIS.

(4) (TS) DURING THE TOUR OF TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE FACILITIES WE ALSO DISCUSSED (IN AN ASIDE) WITH DR. MCLUCAS OUR CONCERN OVER THE APPARENT COST COMPETITION OF

  
DR. MCLUCAS SHOULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FINAL DECISION OF THESE PROGRAMS AND I BELIEVE HE NOW UNDERSTANDS OUR NEEDS AND REASONS FOR CONCERN. SHOULD COST BECOME THE DECIDING ISSUE ON THIS PROBLEM WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE



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**2. (S) ELLSWORTH, DR. MCLUCAS WAS GIVEN THE REGULAR EWO MISSION BRIEFING**

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**AND TOUR OF MINUTEMAN LCF AND LF DURING WHICH HE QUESTIONED CREW MEMBERS ON THE HARDWARE. THESE WERE ANSWERED TO HIS SATISFACTION AND THE DIVISION COMMANDER REPORTED THAT HE SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE ORIENTATION TOUR.**

**3. (S) BEALE-DR. MCLUCAS COMMENTED THAT THE TOURS HERE WERE VERY WELL HANDLED AND HE WAS INTERESTED IN ALL ASPECTS AND SEEMED SIGNIFICANTLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SR-71. HE WAS ALSO VISIBLY IMPRESSED BY THE B-52 AND THE COCO EXERCISE.**

**4. (S) VANDENBERG. HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE SAC MISSION AND SAC SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES TO TENANTS. THE REMAINING TIME WAS DEVOTED TO BRIEFINGS BY SYSTEMS COMMAND ; I.E., MISSION OF THE WESTERN TEST RANGE AND THE 9595TH TEST WING. HE VIEWED CONSTRUCTION FOR THE [REDACTED] SITE AND WAS INTERESTED IN THE OPENING OF A NEW PART OF THE WESTERN TEST RANGE. AS WITH PREVIOUS PORTIONS OF HIS TOUR, HE WAS COMPLIMENTARY AND SEEMED PLEASED WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE VISIT. HE DEPARTED AT NOON, 12 SEPTEMBER OR LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. GP-1**

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MEMORANDUM

Captain [REDACTED]

I take it that you  
or Captain [REDACTED] are  
preparing a short note  
for the file on this one.

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Include this AM's  
action [REDACTED] knows what  
it is. Also this PM's  
And now yesterday's (9/17)  
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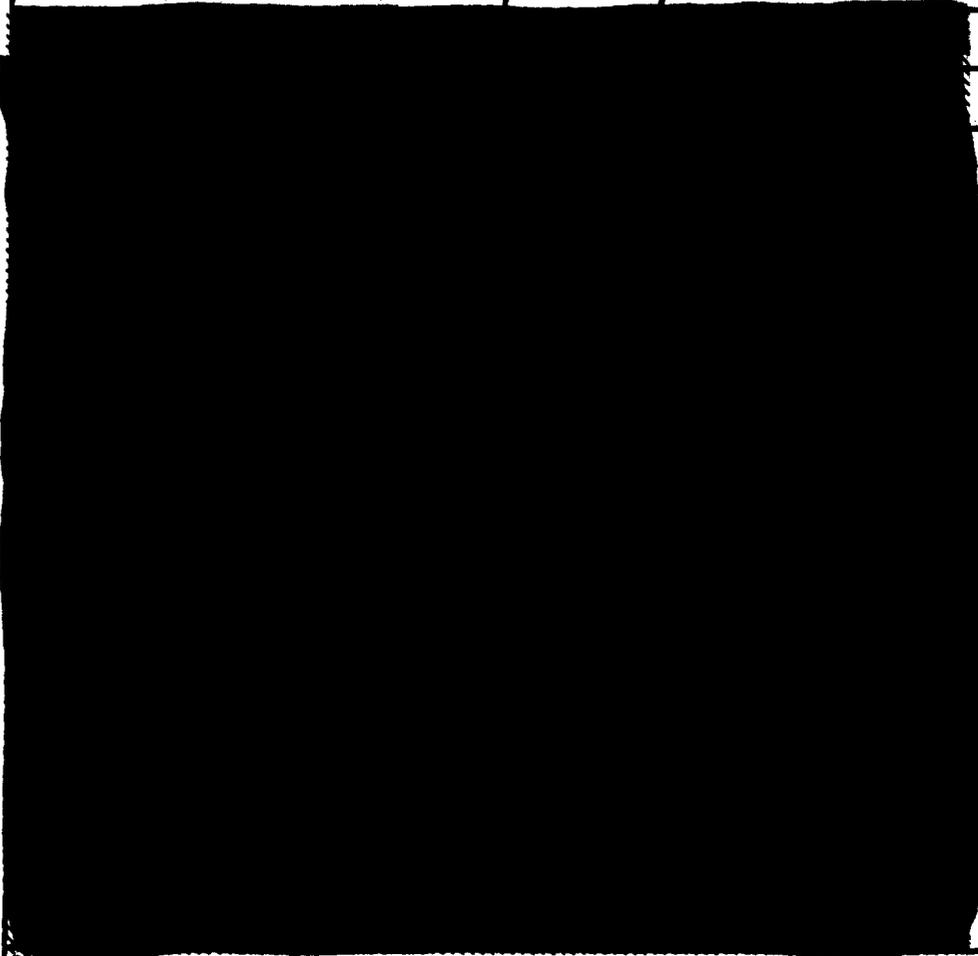
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on the 15th of Sept after you prepared  
the msg for SAC from DIA I called  
Col [REDACTED] DIAAX-36 to arrange the  
sending of the message at 1100 hours,  
he was out to lunch and I advised  
his secretary I would be down at  
1300. At 1300 I meet with Col  
[REDACTED] and he agreed to dispatch  
the message under Col [REDACTED]  
signature. At 0900 16 Sept I called  
Col [REDACTED] to see if the message  
had been sent, he replied that he  
was sure that it had although he

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did not have his "come back" copy

and he would verify. At 1500 hours

16 Sept I received an "urgent"

telephone slip noting that Col [REDACTED]

had called at 1330. I recalled

him, he stated that the message

had not been sent since Capt

[REDACTED] had objected to the tone

of the message considering it was to

the CINCUSAC. Capt [REDACTED] also doubted

that the original message was

[REDACTED] Col [REDACTED] suggested

that we either see Capt [REDACTED] or

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send a memo asking the message  
he sent. I advised Col Yost  
and he met with Capt [REDACTED]  
and Col Yost said we should  
go through AFNIN channels. On  
17 Sept Capt [REDACTED] AFNIN  
(filling in for Lt [REDACTED] AFNIN SPO,  
who was on leave) agreed to  
prepare a message to SAC at 1100  
hours. AT 1330 Mr. [REDACTED]  
AFNIN called to say he was  
going to send our original  
message, did we object? I told

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him it was an Air Force matter  
and we did not care how it  
was handled. I asked Col yost  
if he had any other direction,  
and he asked that AFNM hold  
off pending a phone call to  
Capt [REDACTED] AF. 1530 AF was  
told to go ahead, at 1615 (approx)  
I was advised D117 sent the  
message.