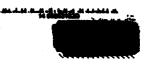
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THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: News Media Personnel at WTR

Colonell and a selection of the visiting June 23. He was concerned about an NBC team visiting Vandenberg on June 24 to witness a launch. The visit had been approved by OASD/PA but Colonel was enlisting our assistance in calling off the visit because an NRO launch was scheduled for

I called Lt Colonel Thomas D'Andrea (OASD/PA) at his home and explained to him our concern. It was his understanding that NBC wanted to watch and to film a Minuteman II launch which is a Category II launch under the DOD guidelines which we recently expect to I explained to him that there was also a greed to the dasked that he, therefore, day to the content of the visit. He asked, however, that I coordinate an alternate date that it would be acceptable and I said that I would have to get this from the West Coast.

On June 24, Major Carlon SAFOI, who had received word from QASD/PA of my actions, called me. Major Carlon Informed me that when SAFOI was asked to concur on the CASS/PA message authorizing the NBC visit, SAFOI, in fact, refused. I later confronted Lt Colonel D'Andrea with this fact and he denied knowledge of it saying that he had a fully coordinated position (SAFOI tells me this is not the first problem they have had with Lt Colonel D'Andrea.)

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Major we calls me that a Major Moen in OASD/PA is preparing a bod Directive which will implement that paper we recently staffed regarding public information release on Category I, II, and III launches. I have asked Major to be sure that SAFOI, and inturn this office, has an opportunity to review this paper so that we can make clear our policy on access to WTR. I want specifically to provide for coordination arion to executive accessing

we can deny access.

Major, USAR

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