

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Plummer

Approved By The
Under Secretary of the Air Force

The point that Lt Col Hoffmann brings up concerning the appropriateness of providing S&T data directly to service users is primarily DITA problem. We can set it up and I think it's a good idea.

The package on the right ~~is~~ not directly influenced by that question. I concur with the proposed ~~package~~

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: S&T Intelligence Data Flow

We have reviewed the attached package and concur with the proposed response to Dr. Hall.

We have informally discussed with Col Jackson on Dr. Hall's staff, and with DIA, the problem of delivering product information directly from collection sites to users at the same time data is provided to the primary processor. It would be relatively easy and inexpensive to add this capability for the Naval Intelligence Support Command and the Army Missile Intelligence Agency; the Air Force Foreign Technology Division is already served by an NRO Univac 9300 data terminal. What is required is that DIA and NSA relax their chartered requirements to be the sole direct recipients of this information, and I understand that Dr. Hall is proposing changes for that purpose.

By separate letter Dr. Hall has asked us to consider releasing SIGINT tapes from NRO ground sites at the TK level. The problem is that some tapes are classified [Redacted] because spacecraft and ground site locations can be determined from them. We have action to respond to Dr. Hall on this. Although we had planned to have a proposal for your signature on January 25, the magnitude of the task will require us to take a few more days. We are presently leaning toward releasing SIGINT tapes at the TK level, rather than recommending more [Redacted] clearances.

The recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee include improving the secure telephone service to customers. While this certainly appears to be a good goal, it would undoubtedly

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require significant expansion of the present, limited, secure voice system. (This is not, however, an NRO responsibility.) The implication for the NRO is possibly the establishment of informal communications between the Service S&T analysts and the NRO ground site analysts. While this could have the disadvantage of diluting on-site analysts' efforts from their primary tasks, there could be overall benefits to the production of better intelligence. It is an idea worth looking into further.

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