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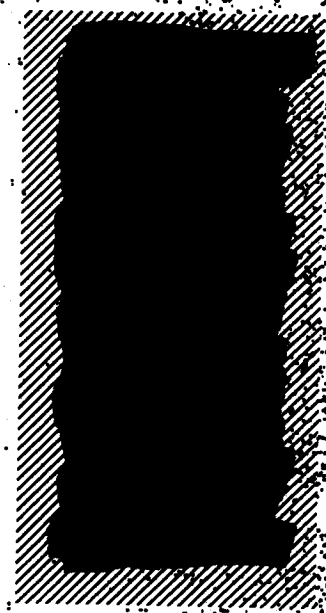
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SUBJ: SPACE LAUNCH SECURITY MEETING
AS A RESULT OF THE LAST MEETING WE HAD TO DEVELOP
NEW INFORMATION POLICIES FOR MILITARY SPACE LAUNCHES,
THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON A NEW POLICY WHICH WOULD
IN ESSENCE TIGHTEN UP ON THE SECURITY OF ALL MILITARY
SPACE LAUNCHES. YOU RECALL, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS A
QUESTION REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE LAUNCH DATE
FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED AF PAYLOADS. WHILE WE MAINTAIN
THAT ALL LAUNCH DATES SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED, AFRO'S
(COL CAMERON) BELIEVED THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO



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CLASSIFY THESE LAUNCH DATES; HOWEVER, IF THE NRO COULD
MAKE A CASE THAT SUCH CLASSIFICATION WAS NEEDED TO
PROTECT THE SECURITY OF NRO OPERATIONS AND THAT THE
DECISION WAS MADE TO CLASSIFY THE LAUNCH DATES THEN HE,
COL CAMERON, WOULD ADHERE TO THE CLASSIFICATION POLICY.

A SECOND ITEM RESULTING FROM THE MEETING WAS A
QUESTION ON THE NEED TO CLASSIFY MILITARY SATELLITE
EPHEMERIS INFORMATION UNTIL UNCLASSIFICATION. SUBSEQUENT
TO THAT TIME, THE SAME ORBITAL DATA WAS PASSED TO THE UN
WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NEWS MEDIA IN REPLY TO
QUERY. CURRENT EPHEMERIS DATA WOULD REMAIN CLASSIFIED.
WE NEED TO GET WITH ADCOM SPACE DEFENSE PEOPLE, AND OTHERS
AS APPROPRIATE, TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A

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CHANGE AS THIS, SINCE THERE MIGHT BE CONSIDERABLE COST,
COMPUTER REPROGRAMING, ETC., ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CHANGE.
I AM SENDING YOU VIA DACOM A DRAFT OF A MEMO BEING
PROPOSED FOR THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF WHICH ADDRESSES THE
RESULTS OF OUR COMMITTEE WORK. OUR PLANS ARE TO HAVE A
ATTACHMENT TO THIS MEMO WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THE
QUESTION OF CLASSIFYING ALL LAUNCH DATES IN ORDER TO

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PROTECT WFO OPERATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PREPARING
A PAPER ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT WHICH WE MIGHT USE AS THE
ATTACHMENT. ALSO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS
REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF ORBITAL EPHEMERIS DATA AND
WHETHER OR NOT THERE WOULD BE ANY IMPACT ^{Delete This} AND
DACOM OPERATIONS BY SUCH A CHANGE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
THESE INPUTS BY SOMETIME IN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

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