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ATTN: AFORQ-EM

Subject: Sembs

TO: AFDA7      AFCIN      AFOOP-R

Reference is made to attached draft letter. It is proposed that this letter, or a similar one, be dispatched to ARDC and SAC in the near future. Request your comments. This memo is unclassified when the attachment is removed.

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Ltr to ARDC & SAC  
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This office concurs in dispatch of the attached draft letter.

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SUBJECT: SAMDS

TO: ARDC SAC

1. Samds is the first weapon system developed by the Air Force that does not lend itself to a clear delineation between the R&D and operational phases. Since this is true, it is essential that all parties concerned have a clear understanding of the command relationships existing in the early stages of the system.
2. Following guidance will prevail until changed by this hqs:
  - a. ARDC will have full control of the system during the R&D phase. This will include launch schedules as well as control of the vehicles while in orbit. Specifically, ARDC will have full authority to operate the sensors at any and all places best suited for R&D purposes. However, in the event that, from an R&D standpoint, the sensors can operate in one place as well as another, ARDC will be responsive to target/area priorities provided by this hqs and/or CINCSAC.
  - b. ARDC will provide all intelligence "take" to CINCSAC. CINCSAC will be responsible for exploitation of this take, and for providing necessary feedback to ARDC.
3. Disagreements between ARDC and SAC will be referred to this hqs for resolution.

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