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SECRET / FROM RDZGV-12-12-16-E.  
FOR WDI, COL LEONARD, INFO WJGE, COL HAMILTON SMCIN WDI, COL CURTIN.  
YESTERDAY, 11 DEC, GENERAL MENICKLE WAS CALLED BY MR. CESARO, OF  
ARPA AND ASKED TO RUSH SOMEONE TO MR CESARO'S OFFICE TO ATTEND A  
MEETING ON THE SENTRY ASSEMBLY BUILDING "PROBLEM". I WAS TOLD TO  
GO AND JOIN THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AT THE MEETING CLM  
MR R. S. CESARO, ARPA. MR L. L. LINE, ARPA. MR. JACK IRVINE, ARPA.  
MR L. P. GISE, ARPA. COLONEL R. N. MASON, USAF /AFGH/. CAPTAIN  
B. S. FLOYD, USAF /AFDAY/. CAPTAIN R. C. TRAX, USN /ARPA/. MR  
MARK MANABURY /BNAER, SHORE ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION/.

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I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE IMPROPRIETY OF THE AGENDA ITEM AT THIS  
MANAGEMENT LEVEL, THIS IMPRESSION BEING PARTICULARLY ACUTE BECAUSE  
OF MR JOHNSON'S CATEGORICAL PUBLIC STATEMENT TO GENERAL SCHRIEVER  
ON 9 DEC CLM "MY PROJECT LEADERS WILL POSITIVELY RESTRICT THEIR  
INPUTS TO BROAD TECHNICAL POLICY AND WILL NOT HARASS YOU WITH MAN-  
AGEMENT DETAILS." SECONDLY, IT APPEARED TO ME THAT THE EXCLUSION OF  
INSTALLATIONS EXPERTS FROM THE DECISION-MAKING PART OF THIS GROUP  
PLACED AN UNNECESSARILY SEVERE STRAIN ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT  
TRUTH WILL OUT. PAR THE EARLY PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS GIVEN  
OVER LARGELY TO REMARKS BY MR CESARO IN WHICH HE COMPARED THE  
NAVY'S BRIEF COMMENTS IN ITS TWX MESSAGE UNFAVORABLY WITH YOUR OWN  
COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT. HE SAID THAT THE OVERRIDING FACTOR IN  
THESE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE BOB SMCIN NOTHING SHOULD BE ALLOWED  
TO INTERFERE WITH THAT. THE OTHER MEMBERS SEEMED TO AGREE WITH HIM  
AND AT THIS POINT IT IS MY OPINION THAT WE WERE CLOSE TO A FAVOR-  
ABLE DECISION. THE NAVY SPOKESMAN, MR. MANABURY, THEN SHOWED ROAD  
MAPS OF THE AREA, AND THE TEMPTATION TO EXAMINE THE MINUTE DETAILS  
OF THE PROBLEM SUDDENLY BECAME OVERWHELMING. WITHOUT ANY PROMPTING  
FROM MR. MANABURY THE ARPA PACK TOOK OFF IN FULL GUNS MEASURING  
DISTANCES, POINTING TO LINK-KINKS ON THE MAP AND WONDERING IF

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LUCKS COULD GET AROUND THEM, AND SPECULATING WHETHER THE MONEY  
FROM SAN DIEGO TO ARGUELLO WASN'T GOING TO BE A MORE ECONOMICALLY  
DIRECT LINE THAN THE ONE FROM SAN DIEGO TO VANDEBEEKS. THEN MR.  
MANABURY SPOKE OF THE MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION NOW UNDER WAY AT THE  
ARGUELLO "INDUSTRIAL AREA", STATING THAT SOME MISSILE ASSEMBLY  
BUILDINGS WERE NOW GOING UP AND IT SEEMED LIKE GOOD ECONOMICS TO  
HAVE THEM ALL TOGETHER. WHEN I ASKED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NAVY  
ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS I WAS TOLD THAT THEY WERE PROBABLY FOR TERRITORIAL  
EXCLAMATION POINT. PAR FROM THIS POINT ON THE SCOPE OF CONSIDERA-  
TION GRADUALLY INCREASED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES CLM /A/ WE  
PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION AT ARGUELLO BECAUSE IT  
WOULD LIE IN A HAZARD ZONE FOR SATELLITE FLIGHTS ORIGINATING FROM  
VAFB. /CESARO/. /B/ THE ACTUAL CASE WILL BE QUITE THE REVERSE.  
ARGUELLO CONSTRUCTION IS NOW UNDER WAY, AND AS ARGUELLO BUILDS UP  
WE WILL BE FORCED INEVITABLY TO STOP ALL /UNDERLINED/ VAFB-ORIGINA-  
TED OVERFLIGHTS. /GISE/. /C/ FOR HOW LONG WILL WE BE OVERFLYING  
VAFB QUES. CERTAINLY NOT FOR VERY LONG - JUST FOR THE DISCOVERER  
SERIES. /LIND/. /D/ DISCOVERER WILL NOT BE A SHORT SERIES, IT COULD  
GO ON AND ON. /CESARO/. /E/ WHY DID WE GO TO VAFB FOR DISCOVERER IN  
THE FIRST PLACE QUES. /IRVINE/ /F/ SHOULD THE AF BE ALLOWED TO MAKE

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OPERATIONAL SENTRY FLIGHTS FROM VAFB QUES. /LIND/ /G/ WHY WEREN'T  
THE POSITIONS OF VAFB AND ARGUELLO INTERCHANGED QUES. /LIND/. /H/  
WHAT ARE THE EVENTUAL ROLES OF THE PWR, OF VAFB, AND OF THE ARGUELLO  
COMPLEX QUES. /CESARO/. PAR IN THE FACE OF THESE MASSIVE PROBLEMS  
IT WAS QUITE EASY TO OVERLOOK THE INTERESTS, PREFERENCES, AND FIND-  
INGS OF THE SWING AGENCY - THE USAF - REGARDING THE LOCATION OF A  
MISSILE BUILDING AT VAFB. ALSO IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO ME THAT NO ONE  
WISHES TO BE REMINDED OF THE FACT THAT VAFB MADE PWR POSSIBLE. PAR  
MR CESARO RETURNED TO HIS ORIGINAL POINT OF NOT JEOPARDIZING THE  
BOB. HE ASKED MR MANABURY TO GET A NAVY POSITION ON TWO QUESTIONS  
CLM /A/ CAN THE NAVY BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS MEET THE 10 OCT 52  
BOB FOR THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING IF IT IS PLACED AT ARGUELLO QUES. /B/  
IF NOT, WILL THE NAVY AGREE TO PERMIT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO  
CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION AT ARGUELLO WITH NO NAVY "ASSISTANCE"  
QUES. PAR MR. MANABURY PROMISED TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION BY MON-  
DAY. IT REALLY SHOULDN'T TAKE THAT LONG SINCE THE ONLY CONCEIVABLE  
REPLY TO QUESTION /A/, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF QUESTION /B/ IS "YES".  
MR CESARO SAYS HE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BOB "RANGE PEOPLE"  
AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT THE LONG TERM PLANS ARE FOR PWR, ARGUELLO,  
AND VAFB. PAR I AM GOING TO INSIST ON AN REASONABLE NOTICE FOR THE

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NEXT MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE I BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE  
THE OPTION TO ATTEND. THIS GROUP WILL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO  
MR JOHNSON, WHO WILL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO MR MCNEIL. AS OF  
NOW I WOULD PREDICT A VOTE OF THREE /LIND, IRVINE, TRUAX/ TO  
ONE /CESARO/ IN FAVOR OF THE ARGUELLO LOCATION.

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