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~~SECRET~~ FROM VDRV-25-8-1
USAF FOR AFDD-AT GENERAL CURTIN. INFO ARDC FOR RDRB. THIS
MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS. PART ONE CLN REFERENCE YOUR OPS
IMMEDIATE MESSAGE DATED 23 AUGUST 80036. ALTHOUGH ACTION IS
BEING ARRANGED TO IMPLEMENT SAFUS DIRECTION THROUGH SOURCE
SELECTION PROCEDURES CNM IT IS BELIEVED THAT SAFUS MAY DESIRE
TO REVIEW THIS MATTER PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION. PART TWO CLN IT IS
NECESSARY TO CLEARLY ESTABLISH CERTAIN FACTS CONCERNED IN THE
MATTER OF THIS DIRECTION. THIS DIRECTION MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS
CHANGING THE THEME OF E-6 FROM A BACKUP RECOVERY PROGRAM TO BE
OBTAINED AT THE EARLIEST DATE TO ONE OF SOLVING RELATIVELY
COMPLEX CAMERA AND STABILIZATION PROBLEMS. THIS DIRECTION IS
BELIEVED TO BE A CHANGE OF MAJOR SCOPE DESPITE OPTIMISM IN SOME
QUARTERS AND AMONG CERTAIN CONTRACTORS. THERE IS NO CONFIDENCE
THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE SAME TIME
PERIOD OR WITHIN THE SAME REFERENCE OF RELIABILITY AS THE LOWER

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RESOLUTION SYSTEM. WE MAY EXPECT SOME UNFAVORABLE REACTION FROM THE VARIOUS CONTRACTORS AT THIS TIME CMM WITH THE AIR FORCE BEING CHARGED WITH DIRECTING THE SPECIFICATIONS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO FAVOR SPECIFIC CONTRACTORS. PART THREE CLN WE HAVE COMPLETED CHANGES TO THE WORK STATEMENT AND ARE PREPARED TO RELEASE THEM TO THE CONTRACTORS CLN HOWEVER CMM THEIR RELEASE IS BEING WITHHELD UNTIL THE SAFUS HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE ABOVE CAUTIONARY COMMENTS

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