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FOR GEN BERG FROM GEN MARTIN

1. I AM PROCEEDING WITH THE STUDY FOR STORAGE AND/OR DISPOSITION OF LMSS HARDWARE AS REQUESTED BY NASA (WHIG 6747) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OUTLINED HEREIN. YOU WILL RECALL I DISCUSSED THIS WITH YOU LAST WEEK.
2. STORAGE AND/OR DISPOSITION OF LMSS HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO (A) PRESERVE THE NRO SECURITY ENVELOPE AND (B) ACCOMPLISH STORAGE AND/OR DISPOSITION, AS REQUESTED BY NASA, AT LEAST COST TO THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT VIOLATION OF (A) ABOVE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, CUSTODY AND DISPOSITION CONTROL OF ALL HARDWARE PROCURED UNDER SAFSP CONTRACTS SHALL BE RETAINED BY SAFSP. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CUSTODY OF ANY EQUIPMENT NASA DESIRES STORED SHALL BE RETAINED BY SAFSP INDEFINITELY IN CONSONANCE WITH EXISTING AGREEMENTS OR UNTIL MODIFIED BY NEW AGREEMENTS MADE BETWEEN THE NRO AND NASA CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE UTILITY OF ANY STORED EQUIPMENT. THE RESPONSIBILITY AND CUSTODY OF ANY LMSS EQUIPMENT DECLARED SURPLUS BY NASA, SHALL ALSO BE RETAINED BY SAFSP. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY, CUSTODY AND CONTROL TO NASA OF LMSS HARDWARE WILL BE MADE ONLY AFTER DETERMINATION OF NEGATIVE IMPACT ON NRO SECURITY. STORAGE AND/OR DISPOSITION OF LMSS HARDWARE WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL SAFSP PROCEDURES. THOSE HARDWARE ITEMS TRANSFERRED TO THE LMSS PROGRAM FROM NASA INVENTORY DO NOT COME UNDER THIS POLICY. THOSE ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED TO NASA ON RECEIPT OF DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS.
3. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE PARTICIPATING WITH NASA IN PREPARATION OF LMSS HARDWARE STORAGE/DISPOSITION PLANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE POLICY. AT THE WORKING LEVEL, NASA IS AWARE OF THE FACT THEY HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONTRACT TERMINATION, HARDWARE STORAGE OR DISPOSITION OTHER THAN TO DEFINE REQUIREMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, I AM CONCERNED THAT PERSONS IN HIGHER ECHELONS WITHIN NASA OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND NASA/DOO RESPONSIBILITIES RELATIVE TO LMSS TERMINATION PROCEEDINGS MAY UNWITTINGLY ATTEMPT TO BECOME INVOLVED. IN VIEW OF THE VISIBILITY AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCATION INTO NASA HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES I WOULD LIKE TO SOLICIT YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MINIMIZING THE INVOLVEMENT OF ANY ADDITIONAL PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS INTO TERMINATION ACTIVITIES TO ASSURE THAT NRO SECURITY INTERESTS ARE NOT VIOLATED.

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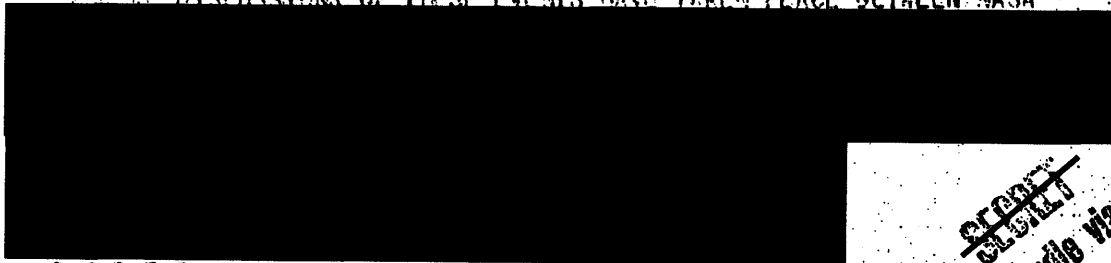
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IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TERMINATE ALL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE PROCUREMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND TEST FOR THE LM&SS. NO FURTHER WORK EFFORT SHALL BE APPLIED TO PAYLOAD MODULE FLIGHT ARTICLES NUMBERS 3, 4, AND 5. IT IS ALSO NASA'S INTENTION AT AN EARLY DATE TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF WORK EFFORT ASSOCIATED WITH FLIGHT ARTICLES NUMBERS 1 AND 2 AND ASSOCIATED TEST AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. THE TWO PRIMARY ALTERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FLIGHT ARTICLES 1 AND 2 ARE (A) TERMINATION IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT PLANNED FOR NUMBERS 3, 4, AND 5, OR (B) COMPLETION AND STORAGE OF ARTICLES 1 AND 2 WITH NO FURTHER SOFTWARE OR TEST EFFORT EXPENDED. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE MSC PROGRAM OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE AIR FORCE PROGRAM OFFICE, DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH TERMINATION OF THE LM&SS PROGRAM IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER WITHIN THE GUIDELINES GIVEN ABOVE AND TO PRESENT THIS PLAN TO HEADQUARTERS ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 8, 1967. FOLLOWING AN EVALUATION OF THIS PRESENTATION, NASA HEADQUARTERS WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TERMINATION PLAN.

FORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THESE EVENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN NASA

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