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FOR: S055/LI COL HAMMETT; INFO RDSC/LI COL SCOTT.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF YOUR POSITION ON THE DECLASSIFICATION OF DSAP DATA.

1. FULL DISCLOSURE OF DSAP ACTIVITIES COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO THE US IN THE EYES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING DATA OVER FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND NOT SHARING THE DATA COLLECTED WITH THOSE COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, TRANSPORTABLE TERMINALS LOCATED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE NOT SHARED DATA IN THE PAST AND DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE SUCH EXTENDED SUPPORT IN ADDITION TO THEIR DOD MISSION.

2. WITH FULL DISCLOSURE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE HISTORICAL NATURE OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING ITS REASON FOR STARTING AND ITS HIGH PRIORITY USERS CANNOT BE SUCCESSFULLY PROTECTED.

3. THE BASIS FOR THE PROGRAM'S HIGH PRIORITY CANNOT BE REVEALED. IF THE PROGRAM IS DECLASSIFIED, REJUSTIFICATION OF THAT PRIORITY WILL BE NECESSARY THROUGH SOME OTHER MEANS OR THE PROGRAM WILL FACE A REDUCED PRIORITY.

4. IN AN UNCLASSIFIED ATMOSPHERE THE PROGRAM'S STREAMLINED MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED TO FIT THE NORMAL AIR FORCE SYSTEM. THIS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN HIGHER PROGRAM BUDGETS AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MANPOWER.

5. FULL DISCLOSURE AT THIS TIME COULD RESULT IN ATTACKS ON THE PROGRAM WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLOCK 5D SYSTEM. (IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT IF A FULL DISCLOSURE MUST BE MADE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RATIONALE FOR MAKING THE DISCLOSURE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST BLOCK 5D LAUNCH. THE PRD IDENTIFIES THE BLOCK 5D SYSTEM AS THE FIRST OPERATIONAL SYSTEM. ITS GREATER RELIABILITY, PRODUCTIVITY AND ON-ORBIT LIFETIME MAKE IT THE BEST CONFIGURATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE TRANSITIONING.)

6. THE "LOW PROFILE" APPROACH ALLOWS ALL AGENCIES TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION IN DETERMINING WHAT ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED AND WHAT ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS MAY DEVELOP AS A RESULT OF THE DECLASSIFICATION. XGDS-3

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