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SUBJ: MARSIK

REFERENCE: AUSLO MSG DTG 081324Z JUN 84

1) THERE ARE THREE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN IN MARSIK AT PRESENT:

(A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCUREMENT AND SUPPORT
STRATEGY WHICH SATISFIES OUR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE QUALITY OF SUPPORT;

(B) INVESTIGATION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH POWER
AND SHIELDING WHICH IS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE
SIGNAL TO CRAY (REF DSD 120801Z JUNE 84);

(C) ESTABLISHING TERMINAL REQUIREMENTS,
PROCUREMENT AND SUPPORT STRATEGY.

2) NONE OF THE RAYTHEON PROCUREMENT ALTERNATIVES APPEAR PARTICULARLY
ATTRACTIVE. IS PERHAPS THE EASIEST
ADMINISTRATIVELY, AND WOULD GUARANTEE THAT THE CORRECT
CONFIGURATION WAS OBTAINED. HOWEVER REQUEST YOU PURSUE

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FURTHER THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- (A) WHAT LEAD TIME WOULD BE INVOLVED TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY AT DSD BY DECEMBER 85. - AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED WE HAVE CONCERNS DUE TO OUR EXPERIENCE WITH DD7000 PROCUREMENTS.
- (B) COMPREHENSIVE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION, OR WOULD WE HAVE TO STILL APPROACH CDC EITHER DIRECTLY OR VIA CRI.
- (C) WITH THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED CLOSURE OF RAYTHEON DATA SYSTEMS, WILL AVAILABILITY OF TERMINALS OR OF SUPPORT IN THE LONGER TERM BE AFFECTED.
- 3) POWER: 60HZ 110V POWER IS READILY AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AREAS AT DSD. HOWEVER IT IS NOT AVAILABLE IN OFFICE AREAS, AND RETICULATION WOULD BE PROBLEMATICAL.
- PLEASE ENQUIRE IF THIS POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR RAYTHEONS.
- FURTHER, IF WE FIND THAT RAYTHEONS ARE ONLY REQUIRED FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD WE COULD BUY THE CHEAPER NON TEMPEST VERSIONS AND INSTALL IN EQUIPMENT AREAS
- 4) WHAT IS THE STATUS OF A REPLACEMENT FOR THE RAYTHEONS. IS IT LIKELY, ESPECIALLY WITH THE CLOSURE OF RDS THAT AN ALTERNATIVE IN TIME FOR OUR INSTALLATION.
- 5) REF YOUR PARA 4,

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PROJECT APPROVAL HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED, AND POSITION IS RATHER COMPLEX. AS A MAJOR PROJECT (OVER 10 MILLION) MARSIK REQUIRES CABINET APPROVAL,

AT THIS POINT, DEFENCE HAS ACCEPTED MARSIK COSTS IN ITS 84/85 ESTIMATES AND 84/89 FYDP BUT APPROVAL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY MINISTERS UNTIL THEY ARE IN POSSESSION OF PRELIMINARY 84/85 BUDGET FORECASTS. IN THE MEANTIME, LETTERS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN MINISTERS FOR FINANCE, HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION AND DEFENCE TO ALLOW WORKS PLANNING TO PROCEED WITH DESIGN LIST A STATUS SO THAT SCHEDULE CAN STILL BE MET. BY ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN DIRECTOR AND DEP SEC ADMIN SERVICES (PALMER) REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION IS BEING PROCESSED AND REQUEST FOR TENDER IS BEING PREPARED IN ANTICIPATION OF PROJECT APPROVAL IN LATE JULY/EARLY AUG (I'M SURE YOU ARE SORRY YOU ASKED).

- 6) A MARSIK STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISING ADA, ADC, ADD, ADS, SM, SMT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND ALSO A FORMAT FOR REPORTS BY THE PROJECT TEAM HAS BEEN AGREED. YOU WILL BEGIN TO SEE STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES AND PROJECT REPORTS BY END JUNE

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