

STAFF SUMMARY SHEET

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Declassification of DSAP Data (U)

DATE
25 SEP 1972

1. In his memo of 31 August 1972, subject: "Declassification of DSAP Data," (Atch 4), SAF/US proposed a course of action which involves declassifying the DSAP mission, issuing a press release, and publicizing the next DSAP launch.

The purpose of these actions would be to improve cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by making DSAP data available to them on a routine basis.

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If this becomes known, the cover story proposed by Dr. McLucas may be questioned, but keeping these facts secret would be difficult in the face of the speculation which will undoubtedly be generated by publicly declassifying the mission and issuing press releases on the launches.

3. There are two alternate approaches which will allow NOAA to benefit from DSAP data without using the cover story. The first is to declassify the entire program, history and mission, and issue a press release emphasizing the fact that DSAP is and has been an operational system which meets unique DOD requirements. The second approach is to declassify only the data and make it available to NOAA as Dr. McLucas suggests, but avoid publicizing the action. Technical information required for proper use of the data would be declassified and supplied along with the data. All questions concerning the source of the data would be answered by saying it comes from a classified military system. This latter approach is favored by AFSC (Atch 6) and the DSAP System Program Director (Atch 7).

4. Atch 1 is a letter to SAF/US concurring with his proposal to declassify the data and make it available to NOAA but recommending this be done without publicizing the program or revealing its mission. Atch 1 also informs SAF/US that a CSAFM (Atch 8) will be circulated to the JCS informing them of this action, which agrees with the position taken by the JCS in JCSX 272-72, 9 June 1972. Atch 2 is a letter to AFSC directing them to revise the DSAP Security Guide to reflect the declassification of the data. Atch 3 is a letter to KAC directing them to make arrangements to pass DSAP data to NOAA on a routine basis.

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RECOMMENDATION

5. (U) Recommend the proposed letter to SAF/US be signed. Recommend the proposed letters to AFSC and MAC be noted and returned to AF/RDS. They will be held and forwarded for AF/CC signature as soon as SAF/US has approved this course of action and the JCS have noted the CSAFM.

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