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SUBJECT: Satellite Control Capabilities Steering Group (SCCSG)

- References:
- a. OMB Letter (C), Subject: Shuttle Operations Management Responsibility (U), 1 February 1979
 - b. OMB Study Planning Meeting, 8 March 1979
 - c. Minutes (S), Satellite Control Capabilities Steering Group, Meeting of 20 Nove. 1978
 - d. Minutes (S), Satellite Control Capabilities Steering Group, Meeting of 19 Oct. 1978

☛ OMB (Ref. a) requested DoD, NASA, and DCI cooperate with them in conducting a study to determine whether a joint mission control center or separate DoD and NASA facilities should be used to meet out-year Shuttle mission requirements and that DoD also address the need for a backup facility to the current Satellite Test Center. I was designated lead for DoD, Mr. Culbertson for NASA, and [redacted] for DCI to work with OMB on this study. A planning meeting was held with OMB on 8 March 1979.

The questions OMB has posed are as follows: OSD 3.3(b)()

- (U) a. Is a separate DoD mission control facility for Space Shuttle operation required or should DoD expand the facilities provided by NASA at the Johnson Space Center?
- (U) b. If it is concluded that a separate DoD facility is required, how should it be configured and what criteria should be used for selecting its location?
- (U) c. Is there a requirement for a second Satellite Test Center (STC II)? If so, how does this facility relate to the Shuttle mission control requirements?

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- (U) Two reports have been requested. The first, an interim report due 10 April 1979 is to contain readily available material associated with the above questions, and to identify areas and issues requiring further study prior to submitting the final report 1 August 1979. Attached is an outline to guide the study effort. This outline is flexible and some deviations may be needed to meet the objectives of the study.
- (U) I request that the Air Force, with NASA and DCI participation, take action to compile necessary data and write suitable reports for submission to OMB.
- (U) I have scheduled the next meeting of the SCCSG for 9 April 1979 at 1400 (room yet to be determined). Agenda items will include the following:
 - (U) a. Status of the need statements (Shuttle DoD mission control capability and STC II).
 - (U) b. Approval of the interim OMB study report due 10 April.
 - (U) c. Status report on STC II implementation planning and IOC need date (FY 1984 or FY 1985).
 - (U) d. Review of STC II facility hardening criteria for protection against para-military attack (other?).

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