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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Consolidated Space Operations Center (CSOC) Siting Decision

(C) Recently, the Air Force Council recommended that the CSOC be located near Peterson Air Force Base at Colorado Springs, Colorado. As you recall, twelve sites were originally surveyed; of those twelve, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, Malmstrom AFB, Montana and Peterson AFB, Colorado were the final contenders. The Chief and I support the Council's siting recommendation for the following reasons:

(C) 1. The Colorado Springs location gives us the opportunity to link space defense and space operations activities. Our future operations in space will be significantly improved by closely integrating the control of our space assets with the means to protect them.

(C) 2. The basic CSOC design provides operational flexibility and growth potential for our future space operations. The Peterson AFB location meets all EMI, RFI and obscura criteria. Costly work-arounds are not required.

(C) 3. The Colorado Springs area contains the industrial, academic and military institutions necessary to support space operations. Technology-intensive electronic firms, Colorado College, the Air Force Academy, NORAD and Peterson AFB provide the facilities and people necessary for supporting space operations.

(C) The CSOC siting decision completes a key milestone in the series of actions required to develop a center for controlling all DOD space operations. If you concur, I plan to announce our siting decision within the next two weeks.

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