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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH,
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT AND LOGISTICS)
DIRECTOR, ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY
DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE
ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT: National Aerospace Plane Program (U)

(U) At my request, the Air Force, in coordination with the Navy, DARPA, SDIO and NASA, prepared a proposed management and programmatic plan for the National Aerospace Plane Program. Department of Defense participants are hereby directed to proceed with program initiation and other recommended actions (see attached). This program will be under the direction of the Air Force with DARPA leading the Phase 2 effort.

(U) Phase 2 funding for FY 86 and FY 87 will be derived from existing programs within each organization in accordance with the funding profile presented by the Air Force. Identification of the proposed program elements to implement this program and the proposed funding sources should be provided to the DUSD(R&AT) no later than 10 December for review. FY 87 PBD actions will be initiated subsequent to this review and approval.

(U) Consistent with the desires expressed by the Secretary of Defense during the briefing on 31 October, public discussion of the program will be limited to what has previously been provided in the open and/or what has been accomplished under the Phase 1 DARPA effort. All future information releases regarding the aspects of this program will be processed through the DUSD(R&AT) and the ADUSD(O&SS) until further notice.

(U) Specifics regarding oversight and coordination of this program will be provided in a subsequent memorandum.

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cc: NASA(OAST)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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USDRE GRANT AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- o RELEASE RFP FOR PHASE 2 (12 NOV 85)
- o IDENTIFY FUNDS FOR PHASE 2; PLAN/PROGRAM PHASE 3 FUNDING
 - FY 86 - REDIRECTION/CONGRESSIONAL INTERACTION/REPROGRAM:
IDENTIFY SOURCES NOW TO HOLD SCHEDULE
 - FY 87 - PBD/FY 87 PB: IDENTIFY SOURCES BY DEC 85 WHEN DETAILED PROGRAM PLAN AVAIL.
 - FY 88 - 92 - FY 88 POM: IDENTIFY SOURCES BY APR 86 WHEN POM DUE OSD
- o DOD - NASA MOA SIGNED BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND NASA ADMINISTRATOR (JAN 86)
 - AF/SDIO/NAVY/DARPA MOA SIGNED BY SERVICE SECRETARIES AND AGENCY HEADS (DEC 85)
 - FUNDS COMMITTED AND CONTRACTS SIGNED AFTER MOA SIGNED
- o JOINT SECURITY POLICY/GUIDE COORDINATED (DEC 85)
- o SPECIAL CONTRACTING PROCEDURES
- o NSSD SPACE TRANSPORTATION STUDY INCLUDE AN AIR-BREATHING OPTION
- o PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN/CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS PLAN (8 NOV 85)
 - NOTIFY SECDEF? PRESIDENT?

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RESEARCH AND
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COVER BRIEF

TO: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

THRU: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING (STRATEGIC AND THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES)

FROM: ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR OFFENSIVE AND SPACE SYSTEMS
Robert J. Futley 11/29 *Homason*

SUBJECT: National Aerospace Plane Program

PURPOSE: To provide USDRE approval and direction for program.

DISCUSSION:

- Air Force and DARPA have put together a program plan for the Aerospace Plane Program. USDRE verbal approval given 18 October.
- Official direction from USDRE to the participants is required.
- Need to understand the effect of FY 86 program redirection upon existing programs and initiate FY 87 PBD action.
- Security must be maintained and discussions limited to what has been released to-date. Information requests should come through DUSD(O&S) until further notice.
- Further guidance will be provided in a subsequent memorandum regarding the specifics of USDRE oversight, information releases, Steering Committee make-up, and terms of reference. DUSD(R&AT) and DUSD(S&TNF) are working these topics.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the proposed memorandum attached.

COORDINATION: DUSD(R&AT) *RJS 11/24/85*

SUSPENSE NO: OSD: N/A R&E: N/A

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Enclosure

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