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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: HAVE BOAT (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) On 2 February 1978 I reported to you the successful completion of the ground exploitation of the F-6/HIG-19 on Taiwan. State Department guidelines were scrupulously observed throughout the joint exploitation for which we were given specific approval. Within these constraints, I believe we gained extremely valuable first-time insight into the PRC scientific and technical capability to produce a complex weapons system.
2. (S/NOFORN) With the completion of a limited flight test program on the F-6 by the CAF, the ROC authorities have decided to prepare the F-6 for permanent exhibit at the CAF Academy (Kang Shan Air Base). Through appropriate authorities, the Ministry of National Defense and the CAF have offered DATT Taiwan several F-6 components for U.S. exploitation. Specifically identified were engines, IFF system and cannon. It was also indicated that virtually any component required would be made available, with no restrictions on use, disassembly or damage. However, in order for the CAF to proceed with plans for exhibition of the F-6, DATT needs earliest U.S. response to the offer and, if positive, authority and guidance to enter into official discussion with the CAF.
3. (S/NOFORN) With the stipulation that exploitation of the components offered would be conducted in the U.S. under conditions of low profile, limited access and strict need-to-know, I believe U.S. interests would best be served by acceptance of the offer. The Air Force has confirmed requirements to exploit key components listed in the Enclosure. Detailed examination and operation under laboratory conditions of these components would substantially enhance the value of information obtained during field exploitation. The majority of the components would be functionally tested, then disassembled and examined for manufacturing technologies and factory markings, the latter identifying manufacturing locations

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and rates of production. The Air Force offers the assistance of two experienced crew chiefs in the removal and preparation for shipment of the required components.

4. (U) I would appreciate your support in gaining policy approval, including State Department concurrence, for timely acceptance of this offer.

SIGNED

1 Enclosure  
List of F-6 Components  
Required (S/NOFORN)

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