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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF NORAD STAFF AND SEN HART.
PERSONAL FOR DR. DINNEEN, LTGEN SHUTLER, LTGEN DICKINSON.
DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS.

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SUMMARIZE A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION BETWEEN SENATOR GARY HART (D-COL), AND MEMBERS OF THE NORAD STAFF IN SENATOR HART'S DENVER OFFICE SUNDAY, 16 DECEMBER.
2. THE SESSION WAS SCHEDULED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM MR. BILL HOLEN OF SENATOR HART'S DENVER OFFICE. ACCORDING TO MR. HOLEN, SENATOR HART WANTED TO DISCUSS: (1) THE NORAD PORTION OF WNMCCS, (2) DEFICIENCIES OF 427 IDENTIFIED IN RECENT GAO REPORTS, AND, POSSIBLY, (3) HOW THOSE DEFICIENCIES RELATED TO THE EVENTS OF 9 NOVEMBER.
3. NORAD PARTICIPANTS WERE MAJ GEN BROWN, DCS/OPERATIONS.

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BGEN POWERS, DCS/COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER RESOURCES,
AND COL WITZIG, THE MOST RECENT ADCOM PROGRAM MANAGER FOR PROGRAM
427M.

4. CONTRARY TO MR. HOLEN'S ADVICE, IT BECAME CLEAR IMMEDIATELY THAT SENATOR HART'S PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS THE EVENTS OF 9 NOVEMBER. SENATOR HART'S INITIAL QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND THE MECHANICS OF THE EVENT -- HOW DID IT HAPPEN. THE SENATOR WAS LED THROUGH A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS STARTING WITH THE NEED FOR TESTING, THE PROBLEMS WITH THE MESSAGE GENERATOR/RECORDER, AND THE REST OF THE BASIC COMPONENTS OF THE 427M SYSTEM. INHERENT IN THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE ABBREVIATED FACTS RELATED TO THE HISTORY OF 427M, WHEN WAS IT STARTED, WHY SO LONG TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL STATUS, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EOC AND IOC, AND THE NEED FOR ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING FOR 427M TO REACH IOC. AT NO TIME DURING THE SESSION WAS 427M LINKED TO THE TOTAL WWHCCS BUT WAS EXPLAINED AS A SUBSET OF THE WWHCCS PROGRAM, I.E., A PART OF THE WWHCCS HARDWARE BUY. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS CONCERNING CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT TESTING ON 427M WHILE IT WAS OPERATING, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT HORAD RECOGNIZED THIS HAZARD IN 1974 AND

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STATED A REQUIREMENT FOR A FOURTH HIS 6000 COMPUTER WHICH WOULD HAVE
HAVE PROVIDED AN ISOLATED MEANS TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT TESTING.

THE ADDITIONAL CAPABILITY WAS DENIED BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS.

5. IN DISCUSSING THE REACTIONS OF THE VARIOUS COMMAND CENTERS,
IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE SENATOR WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE
EVENT WAS PERCEIVED BY THE COMMAND CENTERS AS REAL ALMOST THROUGH-
OUT THE ENTIRE EVENT, LEADING THEREFORE TO A CONCERN AS TO WHY
THE PRESIDENT AND SECDEF WERE NOT NOTIFIED. IT WAS POINTED OUT
THAT WHILE WE COULD NOT COMMENT ON PROCEDURES INVOLVING THE NCA
AT THIS LEVEL, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE EVENT WAS IN FACT
PERCEIVED ALMOST FROM THE BEGINNING IN EACH OF THE COMMAND CENTERS
AS HAVING A VERY HIGH PROBABILITY OF BEING FALSE AND THAT THE
"FIVE MINUTES" (HART'S TERM) REPORTED IN THE PRESS WAS SPENT
CONFIRMING THAT FACT BEYOND DOUBT. DURING THAT TIME, OF COURSE,
CERTAIN PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN.

6. FINALLY, SENATOR HART ASKED WHO IN WASHINGTON MIGHT BE
CONTACT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON WUMCCS AND HE WAS GIVEN
VAN DOUBLEDAY'S NAME.

7. IN A BACKBRIEF TO MAJOR GENERAL MOORE, VICE CINCPAC,

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MR. HOLEN REPORTED THAT SENATOR HART WAS "VERY HAPPY" WITH THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AND WOULD CONTACT GENERAL DOUBLEDAY SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR CONCERNING THE WWMCCS BRIEFING.

8. WE ARE TAKING NO ACTIONS RELATING TO AFR 11-7, AIR FORCE RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS, UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON OUR MEETING WITH SENATOR HART.

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