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However, dangers of doing so identified in the 21 Aug DJSM remain unchanged. Ability to accomplish purpose of IVORY ITEM, i.e., test of surprise attack procedures, may be impaired by

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a. IVORY ITEM remain US-only in nature.

b. Attached memorandum to SecDef with above conclusion be forwarded.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND
PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE COLORADO 80914



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Honorable Harold R. Brown Secretary of Defense

Dear Mr. Secretary

(U) To continue the discussion of missile warning and attack characterization, three additional areas of concern are, I think, now worth mentioning.

(TS) First is Dick Steadman's report on the NMCS. I think it is a good piece of work and am in agreement with most of what he says. What he doesn't say is worth considering.

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including the Joint Chiefs and the U & S commanders, has put almost all of his emphasis on the offensive aspects of the policy --

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(TS) I am aware of the comments you have made from time to time concerning the

I think almost every military person of my acquaintance shares your uncertainty. Nevertheless, as long as the

to make it work. I have therefore commissioned an ADCOM study to examine this issue: within the context of NUWEP, what are our worldwide warning and attack characterization (including NUDET reporting) capabilities and deficiencies through the next ten years? I hope to have at least a first-order investigation completed by the end of the year; where we go from there will, I think, depend on what this first effort looks like.

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considerations, would restrict participation, including the Command Director small corner of the Command Post which would remain devoted to the atmospheric defense mission. The implications of such a development are, of course, obvious; participation is reduced to such a low Pevely the value to Alliance will clearly diminish and its continued existence could become uncertain. The bureaucratic impediments to a bottom-up solution have become practically insurmountable. Finally, in the missile warning area, you commented on my last letter with respect to Stations to "keep working on this." Since then, in August, we briefed the Air Staff, the Joint Staff, and the OSD staff on alternative and recommended solutions. Fundamentally, we recommended a/building-block approach EO25x5 JS/OSD APPEAL EO25x6 importance of this requirement is being obscured by the pressing, but routine, day-to-day concerns of the staffs and little movement is being made toward a decision. DT

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concerning a joint Canadian US study of future North American air defense requirements. In September, we were visited by both Mr. John Anderson, the senior Canadian representative on the study, and (separately) Deputy Assistant Secretary (ISA) Jim Siena, the senior US representative, and his party. We spent what I hope was a profitable day with each and are now awaiting the generation of the terms of reference which will be completed in about a month. In addition, Mr. Wally Henderson, Director of Surveillance and Warning Systems in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary (R&E), another full-time member of the study group, was out early this month for a day of lively discussions, update briefings, and background discussions.

- (S) Although it is certainly too early to make any definitive observations concerning the study, there are some ominous signs beginning to appear that there are those who may seize upon it as an opportunity to defer and delay once again even the modest modernization and improvement programs presently approved or underway. While I certainly agree that the study should properly examine the direction in which we are going in atmospheric defense and insure that systems presently in sight should be consistent with long-term North American air defense needs, I hope you agree that we should avoid yet more delays in the procurement of near-term systems under the guise of another current North American air defense study.
- (U) Second, in September, NORAD hosted what turned out to be a very interesting North American air defense planning conference involving representatives not only of NORAD but also of Alaskan Air Command, ADCOM, and Canada's Air Command. The intended product is a conceptually-based Command view of post-1985 North American air defense requirements which I hope will be available by the end of the year. Both John Anderson and Jim Siena indicated that they thought such a study -- a NORAD effort -- could constitute a useful input into their effort.
- (S) Third -- and finally in the atmospheric area, in accordance with CINCNORAD's Terms of Reference, I have forwarded the NORAD concept plan for AWACS in North American defense to both Admiral Falls and General Jones for approval. As I mentioned in my last letter, the major change in the current concept is a shift away from continuous collocation at ROCCs, a concept which, upon detailed examination, made little tactical or strategic sense, to one of maintaining a minimum number of these command and control elements in a day-to-day survivable posture -- either airborne (for whatever



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purpose; not airborne alert), survivable ground alert, dispersed, or deployed. I suspect that the Air Staff will have some problems with the supportability aspects of the concept -- which I think are workable over time -- but I am convinced that the principle is sound and should be supported.

Yours truly

JAMES E. HILL, General, USAF Commander in Chief

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, b.c. 20301.

October 20, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HILL

SUBJECT: CINCAD Quarterly Report of 13 October 1978

SECDEF has read your quarterly report with interest. Please see his marginal notes on the attached copy (they are quoted below for readability).

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