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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ACQUISITION)

FROM: Director of Defense Research & Engineering

SUBJECT: Project STARGATE

PURPOSE: INFORMATION--to provide background and DDR&E recommendation on continuing Project STARGATE

25 AUG 1993

DISCUSSION:

(S) History: Genesis in FY-86 Congressional committee action. FY-92 Appropriations Act directs that program efforts be directed/divided between foreign assessment; basic and applied research; and operational activities. Funding history: FY 86-89 - total of \$6.35M (Army); FY-90 - \$0; FY-91 - \$2M; FY-92 - \$2M; FY-93 - \$0 (all by congressional adds). FY-94 budget request: \$0. Does not include DIA's costs for direct personnel support to the program.

(S) Execution: Majority of funding (75%) is executed through SAIC to support a Menlo Park-based research effort. The monitoring effort is a collaborative effort between the contractor and DIA personnel, but could be performed by DIA alone. DIA support consists of ten personnel, including three "operational personnel."

(U) Hill Interest: Main supporters have been Sen. Cohen (R-ME) (ardent supporter); Sen. Pell (D-RI) (also strong supporter); and Sen. Glenn (D-OH). Sen. Inouye (D-HI) is reputed to be supportive as well.

(U) Alternatives

1. (U) No change; finish spending the Congressional appropriation.
2. (U) Reduce the effort to monitoring only - i.e., terminate the SAIC research effort.
3. (U) Terminate the program. This would leave DoD in a poor posture to respond to a foreseeable "press situation."

COORDINATION: None.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend alternative 1, No change.

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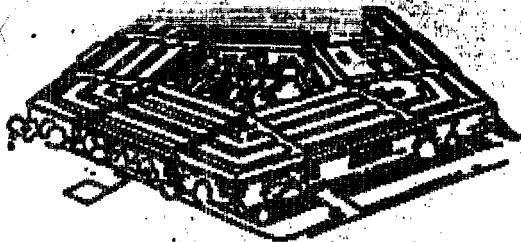
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