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MEMORANDUM FOR PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, U.S. AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Space Shuttle Survivability (U)

PD/NSC-42 directs that the NASA, DOD, and DCI, as concerned agencies, study what future steps might be necessary to fully comply in the long term with PD/NSC-37 relative to the survivability of the Space Shuttle. Recommendations to the Policy Review Committee (Space) were to be made by 1 August 1979 so that appropriate findings can be reflected during the FY 1981 budget process. The NSC Staff has advised that each agency is expected to provide their study results to the NSC.

(U) I have been advised that the SAMSO Shuttle Survivability Study, which will identify from a DOD operational perspective the system's vulnerability to attack or disruption and delineate options for future survivability enhancements, is scheduled for completion in September 1979. Upon completion of this study, I request that you submit to my office a proposed report, including future steps and recommendations, responsive to PD/NSC-42 direction on this subject. OSD will coordinate this response through the Director of the Joint Staff and DIA before it is finally submitted to the NSC.

(U) The DOD response was due 1 August. I would like to work with you to establish a new realistic data for the DOD submission. I would also appreciate your preparing a synopsis of the study to be submitted to me by 20 August 1979.

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