

~~TOP SECRET~~

Handle Via BYEMAN

CHANNELS ONLY

ITN 0284

121217 OR NYN RUXPDAA0295 3462330 00000-XXXX--RUXSBAA RUEIWCA,RUXSJAA.

ZNY XXXXX NYN ZNM

O R 112329Z

BT

XXXXX

PASS BISON  
PASS DITTO

2231

~~TOP SECRET~~ 112329Z DEC 80 CITE [REDACTED] 1626

IMMEDIATE BISON, [REDACTED] INFO [REDACTED] DITTO.

HANDLE VIA BYEMAN CONTROL CHANNELS ONLY

KWBISON FOR MGEN KULPA, COL MCCHRISTIAN, [REDACTED] (PLS PASS  
TO [REDACTED] FOR MK DIRKS, DR LUBARSHY, MK KOHLER;  
FROM HILL

GAMBIT

SUBJ: SLC-4W LAUNCH PLANNING

REF: A. KWBISON 2105, DTD 26 NOV 80

B. DNKO MEMO FOR THE DCI, SUBJ: NKP LAUNCH PLAN, DTD

5 DEC 80

C. DCI MEMO FOR THE DNRO, DTD 10 DEC 80

THE DCI, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAXIMIZING OUR  
REAL-TIME CAPABILITY FOR CRISIS SUPPORT, HAS DECIDED THAT  
THE REQUIREMENT TO ASSURE WE HAVE A CONTINUOUS IMAGING CAPABILITY  
IS OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE. THEREFORE, PLEASE CHANGE  
THE PRESENT SLC-4W LAUNCH PLAN AND PREPARE TO LAUNCH A DUAL MODE  
GAMBIT BY 1 MARCH 1981. YOU SHOULD THEN PLAN FOR AN [REDACTED]

ALTHOUGH THE CURRENT PLAN

IS TO LAUNCH A DUAL MODE GAMBIT IN MARCH, YOU SHOULD ALSO PROTECT  
THE OPTION TO LAUNCH G-51 SHOULD THAT BE DEEMED NECESSARY.  
IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS OPTION CAN BE MAINTAINED  
AT NO ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COST UNTIL L-30. IF THIS IS NOT TRUE  
PLEASE NOTIFY.

REVW: 11 DEC 2000

~~TOP SECRET~~

BT

#0295

NNNN

~~TOP SECRET~~

Handle Via BYEMAN

CHANNELS ONLY

NRO APPROVED FOR RELEASE  
DECLASSIFIED BY: C/IART  
DECLASSIFIED ON: 10 JANUARY 2013