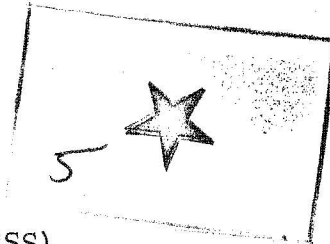


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June 6, 1968

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL BARGER, AFSC (SCSS)


SUBJECT: Foreign Clearances

REFERENCE: SCSS letter, same subject, dated April 23, 1968

This office agrees that there may arise infrequent situations whereby aircraft of the 6594th Test Group may be required to deploy rapidly and on short notice to staging areas requiring foreign clearances.

We have reviewed the submission returned to you as Attachment 1 and believe it represents a satisfactory format and text for initiating action through AFXPDIB. We shall inform AFRDS and AFXPDIB of our concurrence with your forthcoming request.

It appears that another action is required to permit rapid short notice deployment of 6594th Test Group aircraft. That is, a procedure should be established whereby timely Hq AFSC approval of flights in support of contingencies indicated in the reference may be granted.

  
RUSSELL A. BERG  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director  
Office of Space Systems

Attachment

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REQUEST FOR USAF FOREIGN OPERATING RIGHTS

1. (U) Project Name and Number: General support of DoD/NASA R&D experiments.
2. ~~(C)~~ Description: The Commander, 6594th Test Group, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, who controls our C-130 aircraft engaged in aerial recovery of research and development experiments from space has expressed concern over the possibility of not being able to obtain aircraft overflight and landing clearances on extremely short notice. Infrequently, due to unprogrammed space vehicle characteristics and systems malfunctions, it may be necessary to increase the probability of a successful recovery of a space capsule by staging these aircraft on extremely short notice from airfields in Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines.
  - a. ~~(C)~~ Information sought is space capsule location.
  - b. ~~(C)~~ Reason for undertaking this program is to recover valuable scientific equipment and data.
  - c. ~~(C)~~ Method of operation will involve several C-130 aircraft flying search and recovery patterns normally over international waters and infrequently in the air traffic areas of Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. Landing, refueling, routine maintenance, and billeting for crews will be required, when airfields in the above mentioned countries are used. Aircraft configurations are C-130 and HC-130 type recovery equipped; all equipment is installed aboard aircraft. No local purchase or hiring is anticipated. Schedule of operations is undetermined because of unknown contingencies. However, 1-3 deployments may be required each 12 months. Each deployment would last approximately 3-5 days. Aircraft search operations would be conducted in accordance with ICAO policy.
  - d. (U) A maximum of two C-130 aircraft would be involved at any one time. Total crew members involved would be 28. (12 officers and 16 airmen).

  
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- e. (U) Special Requirements: None.
  - f. ~~(S)~~ Classification: Will vary from CONFIDENTIAL to SECRET depending on experiment.
  - g. (U) Under the extreme short notice that is envisioned on these capsule recovery operations, participation by local officials would be impracticable and of no benefit to host nations.
3. (U) Current Status: This is an immediate and continuing requirement.
  4. (U) Command Project Officer: Space and Missile Systems Organization; Major James F. Varnados; Telephone Ext 2307. At Headquarters AFSC; Lt Colonel W. B. Botzong, Telephone Ext 2310.
  5. (U) Headquarters USAF Point of Contact: Col R. Z. Nelsen, Jr (AFRDS); Telephone Extension 52864.
  6. ~~(S)~~ Details of Foreign Operating Rights Required:

Country	Where Rights are Required		Planning Dates		Alternate Dates Acceptable		Approval Leadtime Required for Programming
	Location		From	To	From	To	
Australia	Guildford, Kingsford Smith, Perth, Sydney, Townsville		ASAP		NA	NA	NA
Philippines	Clark AFB		ASAP		NA	NA	NA
New Zealand	Auckland, Christchurch International Airports		ASAP		NA	NA	NA

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