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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (R&D)

SUBJECT: Space Defense Program Plans

My memorandum of 4 June 1975 on this subject requested that no contract(s) for the Miniature Homing Vehicle (MHV) development be awarded pending a review of the program. The Air Force has reviewed this effort with my Deputy for Strategic and Space Systems and, on the basis of that review, the program for MHV development can now proceed. Funds which were deferred in this program (PE 64406F) are being released.

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for Robert M. Parker
for
Malcolm R. Currie

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TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH & ENGINEERING

FROM: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC & SPACE SYSTEMS 3 JUN 1975

Purpose: To permit the Air Force to proceed with the development of the Miniature Homing Vehicle (MHV) for use as an anti-satellite weapon as part of the Space Defense System program (PE 64406F).

(U) **Discussion:** Your memorandum of 4 June 1975 to the Air Force (Tab B) expressed DDR&E's concern over the direction of the MHV program and requested that no contracts for MHV development be awarded until the program was reviewed by my office. A review with the Air Force has been conducted. In that review, we expressed our concern that the program was of high technology and modestly funded, and should, therefore, (a) capitalize on the past experience of other similar R&D efforts and (b) not be pursued at subcritical levels of effort. The Air Force agreed to carefully address these issues. Accordingly, our concerns are allayed and we recommend that the program proceed.

(U) **Recommendation:** That you sign the memorandum at Tab A.

(U) **Coordination:** None required.

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