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MEMORANDUM FOR PRINCIPAL DEPUTY FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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SUBJECT: Consolidated Space Operations Center (CSOC) Siting  
Decision

(U) This memorandum is in response to your request for comments for the reply to SecDef regarding Dr. Mark's Nov 15, 1979 memorandum on this subject (attached).

(S) My staff has reviewed the Air Force briefing leading to the Air Council's recommendation that CSOC be located near Peterson Air Force Base at Colorado Springs.

(S) The CSOC site selection criteria appear reasonable, and the site survey activity thoroughly done. The AF site selection summary states that for the three final contender sites (Kirtland AFB, Malmstrom AFB, and Peterson AFB):

- (U) Technical, base support and environmental factors do not recommend one site over another.
- (S) Initial estimated MCP cost - Kirtland showed slight advantages.
- (S) 10 year life cycle cost estimate reflecting operational and organizational factors - Peterson showed slight advantage.
- (S) Unquantified operational and organizational factors favor Peterson.

(S) Estimated construction cost of CSOC at Peterson AFB is \$109M. Acquisition of approximately one section of state owned land will be necessary 12 miles from Peterson Air Force Base. This will most probably be acquired through long term lease or

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friendly condemnation. Air Force General Counsel sees no reason why "acquisition...should inhibit start or completion of construction on the desired schedule."

( ) Dr. Mark's letter clearly summarizes the key operational and organizational factors which were the deciding reasons for selecting Peterson AFB. I recommend that you support this selection.

( ) Once the SecDef approves, the Air Force will proceed with the environmental impact analysis process, land acquisition negotiations, and facility design. Environmental impact work will also be performed at Kirtland and Malmstrom as a hedge.

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