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TO: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
THRU: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING (STRATEGIC AND THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES) *R. [Signature]*
FROM: ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR OFFENSIVE AND
SPACE SYSTEMS
SUBJECT: Responses to Congressman Kramer and Senator Hart on SOPC (U)

(S) PROBLEM: Congressman Kramer and Senator Hart wrote to the Sec Def regarding the decision to cancel the Shuttle Operations and Planning Complex.

(S) DISCUSSION: The attached responses have been rewritten several times since you approved the original versions in mid-August based upon direction from SecDef secretariat. After last rewrite they asked that we add PA&E and GC to the coordination list. Dr. Chu rewrote the letters and modified the action memorandum (see action memorandum coordination for his letter to you). We agree totally with his rewrite, it essentially matches the response you forwarded in August. General Council asked that we add a paragraph to the memorandum informing the SecDef that cancellation would be inconsistent with the provision of Section 1210 of the FY86 Authorization Bill, if the conference bill passes. We have done so and they have agreed with the wording. Dr. Chu has not seen this addition to his rewrite but we feel he would have no objection since it is a statement of fact approved by GC.

(U) RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the Action Memorandum at Tab 1 forwarding the proposed responses to the Sec Def.

(U) COORDINATION: None

(U) SUSPENSE NO: OSD: X36491 R&E: 851616

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