

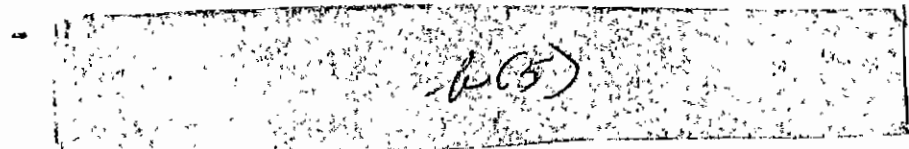


TO: CS
CV
CC
IN TURN

20 APR 1990

SUBJECT: Deputy Commander (Woomera)
Controversy (U)

- (U) For the last 15 months, AFSPACECOM and the Australian Department of Defence have attempted to negotiate a new Implementing Arrangement (IA), with supporting annexes for USAF facilities in Australia.



- (U) The enclosed package provides the history on this issue. We are working with key OSD and Air Staff players to solve this impasse. Will keep you advised.

[Handwritten signature]
C. J. ...
1990

1 Atch
Proposed Background
Paper w/Atch *(b)*

UPON REMOVAL OF ATCH MEMO IS UNCLASSIFIED

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ *unclas*

FILE NUMBER
8.2

Item 5

ON

AUSTRALIAN IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT -
DEPUTY COMMANDER CONTROVERSY

PURPOSE: To provide AFSPACECOM/CC with background information on the status of the Australian Implementing Arrangement (IA), specifically the controversy surrounding the role of the Australian Deputy Commander.

BACKGROUND:

- In Sept 1988 SECAF Aldridge and Australian Minister for Defence Beazley agreed to amend the 1969 treaty establishing 5 D3CS at Nurrungar.
 - One major change was the addition of an Australian Deputy Commander.
 - They also agreed to replace the existing IA and related documents to account for the amendments as well as the passage of time.
 - An exchange of letters followed confirming the agreement (Atch 1)
- In Nov 88 AFSPACECOM began negotiating the first of six annexes to the new IA, addressing cost-sharing.
 - Total of six annexes will accompany IA, addressing administrative arrangements, cost-sharing, security, manning, communications, and real-property management.
- In April 89, the Australian Dept of Defence (ADOD) provided a draft IA for USAF review.
- In Nov 89 HQ USAF/XOX delegated to AFSPACECOM the authority to negotiate the IA itself with the ADOD.
 - Negotiation and conclusion of Annexes to the IA is within the authority of AFSPACECOM.
- In Jan 90 AFSPACECOM representatives met with Mr Nockels, Counsellor Defence Policy, Australian Embassy. All major issues were resolved, *b(5)*

--

THIS PAPER UNCLASSIFIED WHEN ATTACHMENTS REMOVED
b(5)
atch 1

b(5)

b(5)

--- AFSPACECOM apprised HQ USAF/XOXX and DOD of the situation and requested policy guidance (Atch 2)

--- This was received 26 Mar 90 (Atch 3)

b(5)



b(5)

-- USSPACECOM (J3 & J5) is currently reviewing (at their own initiative) the role of the Deputy Commander

CONCLUSIONS:

- 15 months of negotiating effort have yielded excellent results

b(5)

- AFSPACECOM should retain negotiating authority to maintain the integrity of the IA and all related instruments and issues

b(5)

b(5)

RECOMMENDATION:

- None. For information only.

- This is a coordinated XP/JA paper

XP Approval
CLEP P. DOSS, Col, USAF
LCS/Plans

4 Atcha

- 1. (S) Letters - 1988
- 2. (S) JA pkg 15 Feb 90
- 3. (S/NF) XOX msg 26 Mar 90
- 4. (S) XP msg 9 Apr 90

Mr John Schenk/XPI/5705/kka/19 Apr 90
Maj Kevin Spradling/JA7/5494/kka/19 Apr 90

UNCLASSIFIED