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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**SUBJECT: Loss of OXCART A-12 Aircraft**

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1. Aircraft No. 125 departed [redacted] on 5 January 1967 at 1959Z (1159 PST) on a normal high-altitude training mission. [redacted] was the pilot. Information available at this time indicates that the aircraft crashed approximately 60 miles East of [redacted]. The fate of the pilot is unknown.

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2. The preliminary accident report from [redacted] indicates that at 2356Z (1556 PST) [redacted] reported his aircraft position as 130 miles East of [redacted] with only 4000# of fuel remaining and that fuel was being consumed at an excessive rate. At 2359Z (1559 PST) [redacted] transmissions received by [redacted] indicated a low fuel condition (less than 3000#) and that the aircraft was below 60,000 feet. At 0003Z (1603 PST), [redacted] advised that double engine flame-out was being experienced and that he was ejecting; aircraft position was approximately 67 miles East of [redacted]. The reported aircraft impact point has not been confirmed as that of aircraft 125, nor has it been established that [redacted] was able to successfully eject from the aircraft. Search and rescue operations are continuing. Attached are supporting charts depicting the planned route and key events known at this time.

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3. The following is a summary of [redacted] Project/flying experience:

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- a. Joined Project OXCART on 7 November 1962.
- b. Total flying hours: 3354:55
- c. Total A-12 flying hours: 358:20
4. Necessary "backstopping" to prevent unauthorized disclosures of the accident have been arranged through Hq USAF (AFRDR-P). No releases by the news media are known to have occurred to this time (0700 EST). As appropriate to the circumstances, a coordinated cover story will be released through the Air Force.
5. Appropriately cleared Air Force inspectors have arrived at [redacted] and the accident investigation is underway. 25X1A

SIGNED:

PAUL N. BACALIS  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of Special Activities

Attachment:  
As stated

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