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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] TSSG

SUBJECT : IIS Hardware review by [REDACTED]

1. In accordance with [REDACTED] request which you passed on to me this morning, I have reviewed pages 14 and 164 of Part I, Vol. I of the Phase II [REDACTED] report with [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] was unable to offer the assurances that [REDACTED] would like, i.e., that the equipment listed is indeed "off-the-shelf" and that the estimated prices are reasonable.

3. As I told you, neither [REDACTED] nor I have enough experience in purchasing this type of equipment, nor are we familiar enough with the huge number of such equipment being manufactured in the world today to give a "gut" answer to [REDACTED] questions. The only way a definitive answer could be given by either of us, would be to contact the various equipment manufacturers and compare their products with our specifications and note what differences existed and what prices were involved. This would be an extensive undertaking and would not allow us to give a very rapid answer.

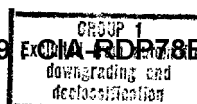
4. In talking with members of the DPD I have been told that there are no known pieces of equipment which meet the [REDACTED] specifications in every detail. However, by taking minor exceptions to the specifications as written, it is indeed possible to utilize off-the-self equipment. This is the path that DPD is intending to pursue.

5. While it is true that if we transfer our R&D IIS money to DPD, we will have nothing budgeted if development is later required, I do not feel that this is an insurmountable problem. It seems to me that money could be transferred from DPD back to us for R&D purposes if circumstances so dictated. At this time however, such a reverse transfer seems unlikely.

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6. In summation I really feel that we must rely on the expertise that NPIC is paying for in OPD. After all, what is the real difference between relying on computer people for computer-type information and relying on [REDACTED] people for [REDACTED] information, chemists for chemical information, and etc.?

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Chief, Support Systems, Branch, TSSG

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