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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Reference Service

SUBJECT : CRS Use of CAPRI

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1. The attached paper was prepared by [REDACTED] as a basis for further discussion and decision making regarding the possible use by CRS of the OCS CAPRI software. As you will find, he not only covers points of major concern to a "File Management System" user, but goes on and discusses these points in the body of the paper.

2. We could start with this paper and call together an SSG/ISG task team to formulate more detailed requirements and evaluation procedures. This is one of the options covered below:

3. I see the following options open to us:

a. Inform OCS that we intend to use CAPRI when they can bring it up to operational form and have met our requirements. This is a commitment that we should not make.

b. Suggest the constitution of a task team (OCS/SSG/ISG) to formulate a test and evaluation plan, the results of which would determine our decision as to whether we adopt CAPRI or remain with AEGIS. My major concern here is the time and manpower, particularly that in EDPSD, that would be required to really swab this out. It could last for months, and require a considerable programming investment by OCS.

c. Inform OCS that we have made the decision not to use CAPRI and that further discussion and testing is unwarranted. In all honesty, I would have to opt for this if all non-technical considerations could be cast aside. My best advice from EDPSD is that no further testing and discussion is required for any technical reason.

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d. Forward this paper to OCS and request a written response to both the stated and implied questions in the paper. We feel that even as this debate goes on OCS is committing programming resources to mould CAPRI into a package that we would be less resistant to, i.e., preparing identical output formats not presently available in CAPRI but used by us in AEGIS. The burden of proof that CAPRI is superior and meets our needs should rest in demonstrated performance of CAPRI, not promises or generalizations.

e. Contract with an impartial and well qualified systems expert to examine both packages in the light of CRS requirements. I doubt that this is either necessary or supportable by Agency management.

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f. Request the services of [REDACTED], who has had no involvement in either system, to study CRS requirements now and for the next few years, and recommend a course of action for us. The major drawback here is the possibly uncomfortable position in which [REDACTED] might find himself with his own management.

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4. OCS now has under development a new version of TORQUE, which according to the information available to me, will have a capability for file management in either the batch mode or in an on-line, time sharing, remote capability mode. We might simply inform OCS that TORQUE II is the package we think will come closest to meeting CRS requirements, and that we will go on with AEGIS until TORQUE II is ready for testing and implementation. In the meantime, we should request the specifications for the new TORQUE and be allowed to participate in possible design changes to meet our requirements for the future.

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