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TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: COMMANDO LION

REF: TOKYO 18875

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR USE IN RESPONDING TO THE FONOFF INQUIRIES. IT IS SEQUENCED TO ANSWER THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELAYED IN PARA 2, REFTEL. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF YOU SHOULD REEMPHASIZE THAT LORAN-C IS A NAVIGATION/POSITIONING SYSTEM.

A. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO PROVIDE LORAN-C EQUIPMENT TO THE ROKAF.

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B. THE FOLLOWING US AIRCRAFT USE LORA-C: C-5, C-130, C-141, VC-135, EC-121, C-9, EC-135, R-4C, F-4, T-43, AND P-3C.

C. LORAN-C IS PRIMARILY USED AS A NAVIGATION/POSITIONING AID WITH BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY APPLICATIONS. HOWEVER, USAF IS CONDUCTING A DEVELOPMENT TEST EFFORT TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING LORAN SIGNALS, AMONG OTHER PRE-

CISION NAVIGATION AIDS, TO PROVIDE MIDCOURSE GUIDANCE FOR THE GBU-15 GUIDED GLIDE BOMB. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GBU-15/LORAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT WAS CONTAINED IN AN UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY SUPPLEMENTING THE AIR FORCE PORTION OF THE FY 77 BUDGET SUBMISSION.

D. NO SPECIAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SYSTEM IS PLANNED. FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS PURPOSES, RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE COMMANDO LION SYSTEM WILL EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS AN UPGRADING OF AN EXISTING LORAN-C NAVIGATION SYSTEM.

2. REQUEST FURTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING PUBLIC AFFAIRS HANDLING OF COMMANDO LION.  
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