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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Notes on Collocation of A-12 and SR-71

The following items should be recognized when a discussion ensues regarding the feasibility of collocating the A-12 aircraft with the SR-71 aircraft at Beale Air Force Base. These items are enumerated only to flag the high points and not for detailed discussion.

1. Security

a. Present location is both remote and secure, whereas if the aircraft were moved to Beale, it would be exposed to many thousands of now unwitting persons.

b. The pilots would be exposed to old friends in the Air Force.

c. Families would be exposed to both the Air Force and the A-12 personnel and it would be impossible to control the gossip.

d. Many hundreds of civilians would be infused into the normal military atmosphere of an airbase with resultant confusion and discussion of the differences in the projects.

e. Deployments would be compromised by the sudden movement of transports and the departure of assigned personnel.

f. Persons in our unit would be immune from SAC alerts and normal Air Force inspections etc. with the resultant discussions.

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