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FITS JAW RUCSAAAG196 0702015-8888--RUMMB00.

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P 17225Z MAR 67

FM SAC  
TO RUMMB00/OOAMA HILL AFB UTAH  
INFO RUMBKA/15AF  
RUMB00A/3415SW MALMSTROM AFB MONT  
RUMB00A/AFFRO BOEING CO SEATTLE WASH  
RUMJABA/8SD WORTON AFB CALIF  
BT

15/2342  
17/C-208

DCM-1  
WC-1  
DCO-1  
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~~SECRET~~ DT 2275Z MAR 67.  
ACTION: OOAMA (COMCZ/OONE-OSL DAVENPORT), INFO: 15AF  
(DM4C), 3415SW (COM), BOEING AFFRO (C.J. DOWNEY, MINUTEMAN  
ENGINEERING) 8SD (ESS, 880R)  
SUBJECT: LOSS OF STRATEGIC ALERT, ECHO FLIGHT, MALSTROM  
AFB. (U)

REF: NY SECRET MESSAGE DMTR 02751, 17 MAR 67, SAME SUBJECT.  
ALL TEN MISSILES IN ECHO FLIGHT AT MALMSTROM LOST STRAT ALERT WITHIN  
TEN SECONDS OF EACH OTHER. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 0845L ON  
16 MARCH 67. AS OF THIS DATE, ASS MISSILES HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO STRAT

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ALERT WITH NO APPARENT DIFFICULTY. INVESTIGATION AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE  
INCIDENT IS BEING CONDUCTED BY MALMSTROM TEST. TWO FITTS HAVE  
BEEN RUN THROUGH TWO MISSILES THUS FAR. NO CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN  
DRAWN. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT BOTH COMPUTERS IN BOTH G&C'S  
WERE UPSET MOMENTARILY. CAUSE OF THE UPSET IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS  
TIME. ALL OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION AT THIS TIME IS CONTAINED IN  
ABOVE REFERENCED MESSAGE.

FOR OOAMA, THE FACT THAT NO APPARENT REASON FOR THE LOSS OF TEN  
MISSILES CAN BE READILY IDENTIFIED IS CAUSE FOR GRAVE CONCERN TO THIS  
HEADQUARTERS. WE MUST HAVE AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE CAUSE  
AND CORRECTIVE ACTION AND WE MUST KNOW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WHAT  
THE IMPACT IS TO THE FLEET, IF ANY. REQUEST YOUR RESPONSE BE IN KEEP-  
ING WITH THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM. WE IN TURN WILL PROVIDE OUR  
FULL COOPERATION AND SUPPORT.  
FOR OOAMA AND 15AF WE HAVE CONCURRED IN A BOEING REQUEST TO SEND  
TWO ENGINEERS, MR. R.E. RIGERT AND MR. W. M. DUTTON TO MALMSTROM  
TO COLLECT FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROBLEM FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE  
IN LATER ANALYSIS. REQUEST COOPERATION OF ALL CONCERNED TO PROVIDE  
THEM ACCESS TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION, I.E., CREW COMMANDERS LOG  
ENTRIES, MAINTENANCE FORMS, INTERROGATION OF KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE, ETC.

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SECURITY CLEARANCES AND DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL WILL BE SENT FROM  
THE AFFRO BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.  
FOR 15AF. OOAMA HAS INDICATED BY TELECOM THAT THEY ARE SENDING  
ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT. REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION TO INSURE  
MAXIMUM RESULTS ARE OBTAINED FROM THIS EFFORT. GP74. BCASMC-67-437  
BT

~~SECRET~~

~~GROUP 1~~  
~~DOWNGRADED AT 5 YEAR INTERVALS~~  
~~DECLASSIFIED AFTER 2 YEARS~~