

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEMORANDUM

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TO:

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Director of Communications  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

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FROM:

Stuart E. Branch  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Communications

SUBJECT: MERCURY and GATEWAY

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum (OC-M80-481) dated May 28, 1980

I apologize for the delay in responding to your memorandum dated May 28. Our staffs have been working together on these projects and are familiar with the status. I do appreciate your candid memorandum.

We agree with the MERCURY concept being suitable for the future DTS network. We support this with the understanding that GATEWAY is required in the short term to meet our immediate requirements and will become an integral part of the MERCURY architecture when it becomes operational.

Our staffs are working together to assure no duplication, again with the understanding we have pressing requirements we must satisfy in the short term. I have instructed my people to maintain needed coordination with your staff to ensure system compatibility.

Your people were invited to and attended a meeting with the Air Force at Tinker Air Force Base to discuss the Air Force's AMPE as the GATEWAY system.

As for our comment on your MERCURY specification, it appears to be a very thorough and complete document.

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GDS 11/3/80 (Branch, S. E.)

State Dept. review completed