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MEMORANDUM FOR ESOH C&C IPT MEMBERS

30 Oct 96

SUBJECT: Alleged Dioxin Contamination in C-123 Aircraft

FROM: HQ AFMC LO/JAV

1. I will be unable to attend tomorrow's regular IPT meeting, at which the above subject will undoubtedly be discussed. I have a few concerns that I hope will be addressed.

2. First, the SSS for two-letter coordination bears a copy of my coordination on its reverse side and yet is not the same document that I reviewed. I realize that various organizations will have corrections and changes, but when a substantive matter changes, a prior coordination should not be copied without first notifying the parties. In particular, I am concerned with para. 2(a) of the revised SSS and para. 2 of the 30 Oct 96 memo from LG EV which now state a concern about whether we have notified the purported purchasers of these aircraft of possible contamination. I do not believe we should alert anyone outside of official channels of this potential problem until we fully determine its extent. Please pass this along to LG, who can pass this along to the GSA.

2. I want to reiterate JA's position that these aircraft should not be sold to the public if there is any dioxin contamination at an unsafe level, whatever that may be. Our potential liability is just too great, particularly when so few facts are known.

3. Please call me at 7-7088 if you require additional information.

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