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FROM: Norman Tucker

SUBJECT: Trip Report

1. Purpose: Attend DMO O-6 Meeting at Rosslyn Marriott

2. Traveler(s): Col. Jim Lech, Mr. Norm Tucker

3. Itinerary: Depart Dayton, OH/Arrive Rosslyn VA – 22 OCT 03
Kickoff Meeting – 22 OCT 03
Depart Rosslyn VA / Dayton, OH – 23 OCT 03

4. Discussions:

A. AF/XOO and AF/XII made opening remarks and indicated they would be co-chairing the AF DMO efforts. XOO would handle the operations of DMO and XII would handle the integration. Basically, since CSAF directed to make this a funded program, XOO/XII wanted to bring AF players to VA to discuss what DMO initiatives were funded and which weren't. From this information XOO/XII will brief CSAF in Dec 03 on how DMO will become a funded program.

B. Each command presented a briefing to discuss their current initiatives and what future initiatives would be funded and not funded. Of interest, ACC briefed the Block 30 F-16 and A-10 DMO capable trainers for the ARC were not above the funding line and at best would be push out beyond the FYDP. These briefings will help XOO/XII catalog which DMO capabilities are currently funded and what need funding support for the future.

C. The upcoming DMO IPT (Kirtland) meeting on 12-13 Nov 03 for the action officers should be interesting as this meeting expects to see a roadmap evolve under that guidance.

D. One of the most significant discussions of the meeting was ACC's and XOO/XII's potential initiative to combine the ACC flying hour program with the

simulator program. If they can get the group's (other commands) concurrence, they would like to present this initiative to Congress to combine these two programs under one PE then ACC would have the flexibility to move funds between the flying hour and simulator programs within the command's authorization. They asked the group to consider this funding initiative and provide inputs in the near future as to whether the commands would support this initiative or not. Although the merits seem somewhat obvious, the drawbacks or disadvantages may not be as obvious. Ergo, this discussion seemed somewhat of a hot button. For one, the AMC representative said he didn't know if they would support this initiative since they don't exactly fund the flying program like ACC does. Second, this would be a huge annual O&M pool that does not contain any 3600 or 3010 funds. This mode of sourcing funds could lead to only a 3400 pool of funding for trainers within ACC which could drive a FFS business strategy as the only avenue of fielding future training devices. Not that one could program for other 3600/3010 funds but without ACC's support for this type of funding, it may be difficult for the ARC to secure these types of funds for other than FFS acquisitions. This initiative requires additional study before I would recommend a position to the command.

5. Conclusions/Recommendations:

A. AFRC needs to continue working the DMO initiatives for A-10 and F-16 trainers as ACC has these devices below their funding line in the FYDP.

B. Command needs to support the upcoming DMO IPT meeting at Kirtland on 12-13 Nov 03.

C. Regarding combining the ACC flying hour program with the simulator program and presenting it to congress for approval, recommend studying the effects of this initiative more before making a final recommendation to the command that they can forward to ACC/XOO/XII.

Sincerely,

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