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Mr. Grant Cameron
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Dear Mr. Cameron

This replies to your January 15, 1997, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal request regarding the January 7, 1997 response to your November 26, 1996 request for "documents containing the re-entry date and time of Cosmos 96, sometimes spelled Kosmos 96 and a readout of all objects that re-entered the atmosphere on December 9, 1965, complete with times."

You addressed four reasons for appealing our initial response based on USSPACECOM/DCJ memorandum, December 11, 1989, and an article written by James Oberg.

To be more responsive to your request, we did an additional search for records to determine if there were other record categories that might contain the data you requested. The following additional information was located:

INT DESIG	SATNO	COMMON	OWNER	L-DATE	D-DATE
1965-094A	1742	Cosmos 96	CIS	23 NOV 65	09 DEC 65
1965-094B	1743	SL-6 R/B	CIS	23 NOV 65	04 DEC 65
1965-094C	1771	SL-6 DEB	CIS	23 NOV 65	28 NOV 65
1965-094D	1772	SL-6 DEB	CIS	23 NOV 65	28 NOV 65
1965-094E	1773	SL-6 DEB	CIS	23 NOV 65	29 NOV 65
1965-094F	1774	SL-6 DEB	CIS	23 NOV 65	28 NOV 65
1965-094G	1775	SL-6 DEB	CIS	23 NOV 65	08 DEC 65
1965-094H	1776	SL-6 DEB	CIS	23 NOV 65	08 DEC 65

The satellite catalog gives a decay date, but no other reentry information. The catalog record shows eight pieces associated with the event in question. The payload was launched as one piece and reentered in the same condition. The rocketbody broke into seven pieces which reentered on different days.

Tracking and impact prediction (TIP) data is maintained and disposed in accordance with AFMAN 37-139, table 10-12, rule 13.01 (attachment 1). Air Force is our administrative support executive agency according to DoD Directive 5400.3, therefore, we follow their administrative procedures.

If providing this additional information does not satisfy your appeal, please submit your appeal to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), THRU: 21 CS/SCBR (FOIA), 660 Mitchell St, Ste 500, Peterson AFB CO 80914-1150.

There are no chargeable fees associated with processing your request.

Sincerely


RODNEY S. LUSEY
Colonel, USA
Joint Secretary

Attachment
Excerpt from AFMAN 37-139

TABLE 10-12				
Continued.				
	A	B	C	D
R U L E	If the records are or pertain to	consisting of	which are	then
10		computer printouts of satellite track data, mission planning logs, records of message transmissions, positional checklists, etc.		destroy when superseded or when no longer needed. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3
10.01		SOI tasking messages		destroy after 3 months. AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
11	sensor network tasking data (previously optical surveillance data)	sensor tasking response data, tasking for such data, tracking reports such as element sets (ELSET) requests, sensor tasking and launch change messages, Baker-Nunn camera films, and optical sensor passage records	of special interest	destroy when no longer needed. AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
12			of other than special interest	destroy after 3 months. AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
12.01		Boxscore messages consisting of information on objects in space	at preparing activity	retire as permanent (note 2). AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
12.02			at receiving activity	destroy when no longer needed. AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
13	tracking and impact prediction (TIP) data	tracking and impact prediction record, final decay message, computer printouts of satellite positional data to include spiral decay vectors, final element set and related data of specialized interest (most valuable data)	of special interest	retire as permanent after object decay (note 2). AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
13.01			of other than special interest	destroy 2 years after object decay. AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
14	space operations logs	data on daily operations	at space operations units or command and control activities	destroy 6 months after last entry in log. AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
15	missile warning system		at responsible activity	hold for life of missile warning system, then destroy. AUTH: N1-AFU-91-26
16	operations center activity log		at tactical warning/attack assessment and space surveillance functional	destroy 1 year after last entry in log, or when no longer needed, whichever