INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS - MIKE WERNER

1. WELCOME
2. SOFIA IS AT A CUSP – GREAT SCIENCE STARTING TO EMERGE
   UPCOMING REVIEWS PROVIDE A CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY, NOT
   A THREAT
3. PURPOSE OF SIS IS TO “..ARTICULATE THE RANGE OF PERSPECTIVE
   THAT ARE REFLECTIVE OF THE US AND GERMAN SCIENCE
   COMMUNITIES REGARDING SOFIA”
4. THIS IS A MEETING OF THE SIS, NOT A FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS
   BETWEEN GROUPS WHO HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO
   INTERACT
5. ISSUES/OBJECTIVES
   a. UPDATES ON PROJECT STATUS
   b. UNDERSTANDING UPCOMING REVIEWS ON US AND
      GERMAN SIDE, AND DEGREE OF COOPERATION
   c. PROVIDING ADVICE/GUIDANCE TO SOFIA PROJECT
      REGARDING THESE REVIEWS
   d. HELPING THE SOFIA TEAM UNDERSTAND HOW TO INCREASE
      THE VISIBILITY OF THE PROJECT AND ITS SCIENCE
      i. DECADAL WHITE PAPERS AN IMPORTANT PART OF
         THIS
      ii. SPECIAL ISSUES OF SOFIA PUBLICATIONS
      iii. KIMBERLY HAS SOME GOOD PERSPECTIVES
   e. UNDERSTANDING THE PROSPECTS FOR A JOINT
      INSTRUMENTATION PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE
   f. DISCUSSION ON SOFIA EFFICIENCY LED BY ANDY HARRIS
   g. PROVIDING ADVICE ON OTHER QUESTIONS AS ISSUES ARISE