

October 1, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit of Messrs, [REDACTED]

The subject visit took place during the morning of 1 October. The situation described by the [REDACTED] people is: During the past summer, they have been under contract to CIA studying a number of alternative camera designs. This work is about to be completed and they have been approached by CIA to extend the contract, pursuing in more depth a design study or preliminary design of one particular preferred configuration.

At almost the same time as this latest approach by CIA, General Greer had approached them for a proposal on certain studies. These latter were sufficiently like the work requested by CIA that they feared they could not undertake both without danger of criticism for carrying on duplicative work. In conveying this information to Greer, they sensed that his people felt that [REDACTED] had "let them down" in favor of a CIA contract.

I tried to explain the general rationale for conducting studies of the kind in question. I noted that there was intense enthusiasm in the CIA for a particular approach to the general search problem. I stated it as my desire that a basis of study be established broad enough to insure that any decision by the Government of a new general search/surveillance system be taken rationally rather than emotionally.

We agreed that they would consider what they might accomplish in this study area but would not be duplicating work that the CIA contract covers. They agreed to consider proposing on the following items, not to the exclusion of other possibilities:

1. Taking the camera design information developed under the CIA contract to investigate application of this camera to a search-surveillance system which achieved broad coverage by flying at high altitude and higher resolution by flying at a lower altitude.

2. Exploration of design possibilities for a relay lens or re-imaging system of adequate fidelity to be used to bring a high resolution image out of a folded optical system into a place more convenient for the mechanical design of film transport and IMC arrangements.

I telephoned General Greer the substance of these discussions.

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