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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, USAF

As a result of recent review of the SAMOS Project at the highest national level, changes have been made in the character and scope of the technical program. It has been directed by the National Security Council and the Secretary of Defense that special management procedures be established in accordance with the national importance of this program.

Accordingly, I have established:

- a. A Director of the SAMOS Project at AFHQ as a field extension of my office, responsible to and reporting directly to me, and
- b. An Office of Missile and Satellite Systems (SAMSS) within my staff, to assist me in the discharge of my responsibilities.

The functional relationship between the above offices is outlined in the attachments hereto, along with a description of the organization and functions of the Office of Missile and Satellite Systems and the charters of an Advisory Council and a Technical Advisory Group on Satellite Reconnaissance.

Effective immediately, the satellite reconnaissance program will be managed within the above structure. There will be no review or approval channels between the Director of the SAMOS Project and the Secretary of the Air Force. However, in order to maintain general project knowledge within those command and staff offices where such knowledge is necessary for program support or coordination of related matters, need-to-know briefings will be given by the program management staff. These briefings will be given on a periodic basis, without request, and not as a part of Project management actions. All requests for briefings will be directed to the Secretary of the Air Force, and will be approved only on a strict need-to-know basis.

The national urgency requires the utmost support with immediate response and overriding priority from all elements of the Air Force as and whenever requested by the program

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management. The Director of the SANDS Project is authorized direct contact with major commands to request such support. The Director, Office of Missile and Satellite Systems is authorized direct contact with the Air Staff, and other staffs and agencies, to request support as required.

Visits to the SANDS Project Office will be for official business only. Requests for visits by other than normally accredited contractors and agencies of government whose business requires regular and frequent visits will be directed to the Secretary of the Air Force for approval.

Request that you inform the Air Staff and all major commands of the above direction immediately.

/s/ DUDLEY C. SHARP
Secretary of the Air Force

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