

Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Chemical Processing
and Reproduction of Photography from (TS) NRP Missions

1. This memorandum outlines general guidelines for use in the planning, programming, and management of the principal laboratory facilities for processing and duplicating photographic film resulting from missions under the direction of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office.
2. The principal laboratory facilities to be utilized for this purpose will be the covert capability established at the [REDACTED] and the overt capability established at the AFSPPPL facility on Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts.
3. The [REDACTED] covert contract laboratories presently being supported separately by the CIA and the Air Force will be combined and consolidated. Supervision of the [REDACTED] will be transferred from the [REDACTED] to the Deputy Director (Research), CIA. The [REDACTED] and the AFSPPPL facility charter will be changed as required to provide for appropriate utilization of both facilities to support all projects of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program.
4. Management of all covert contracts of these facilities will be assigned to the CIA. Management of the AFSPPPL facility will be assigned to the [REDACTED]. Operational control of all of the facilities will be retained by the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office, as outlined in paragraph 8 below.
5. The [REDACTED] facilities will be utilized for processing all original negative material from all (TS) National Reconnaissance Program missions, plus such additional production as required in order to make the most efficient use of the [REDACTED] combination. The AFSPPPL facility will be utilized to produce duplicates for distribution to users.
6. The [REDACTED] contract(s) will provide for R&D of new techniques by the [REDACTED] facilities and for full support of the AFSPPPL facility by [REDACTED] technical personnel, to include training of personnel in the [REDACTED] facilities.

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7. The present obsolete [redacted] covert laboratory on [redacted] will be phased out as soon as possible and the work and appropriate personnel of this activity transferred to the covert [redacted] in the [redacted]. All future expansion of the capabilities of this laboratory will be based upon review of the combined capability of [redacted] and the AFSPPL to meet all (TS) National Reconnaissance Program production requirements. In this regard, the general orientation of the [redacted] will be based upon initial processing of the highest quality, together with limited production capability, rather than quantity production.

8. The (S) NRO staff will be responsible for coordinating the production activities and determining and assigning the production workloads of both the [redacted] and the AFSPPL. The (S) NRO staff will carry out these tasks in such manner as to meet the priorities established by the USIB through the most efficient utilization of these combined facilities. In this regard, the (S) NRO staff will rely upon USIB to provide information regarding the relative priorities of the individual recipients or groups of recipients receiving duplicate positives and negatives from the various projects of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program. The (S) NRO staff also will make arrangements for other government-owned laboratories to assist in the production of duplicate negatives or positives during periods of temporary overloading of [redacted] AFSPPL facilities.

9. Plans will be prepared for each (TS) NRP project by the responsible Program Director which will include descriptions of the method of handling film, from initial off-loading from the collection vehicle to distribution to the customer. These plans will be prepared in conjunction with the (S) NRO staff and will include method of delivery of film to the processing facilities, the anticipated number of duplicates required, titling data to be used, the requirements for data block reading and distribution of supplemental information.

/s/ Joseph V. Charyk
Director
National Reconnaissance
Office

CONCUR: *
/s/ Herbert Scoville, Jr. date: 11 Aug 1962

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Endorsement to
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Concur, with the following clarifying remarks:

a. That the operational control discussed in Paragraph 4 is intended to be limited to those functions quoted in Paragraph 8 since it is believed that other management responsibility for the respective facilities should be vested in CIA and [REDACTED]

b. Paragraph 5 should not be understood to eliminate processing of original negative material at certain overseas locations, such as URPIC-Y, where tactical usage demands rapid processing. Likewise, it is deemed desirable that the duplicate positive and negative material furnished NPIC for rapid community exploitation should be processed at [REDACTED]. It is agreed AFSPPL should quite appropriately produce the major portion of duplicate material required.

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