

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Mr. Mayo:

I would like to request your cooperation in a matter which is beginning to cause me some concern. During recent months members of your staff have made a number of trips to my program offices and to their contractors.. We have arranged these visits on request and I am sure they have been useful to you. Your staff members have been extremely cooperative and considerate in working with us to arrange the trips in a convenient and productive manner.

However, I am sure you appreciate that any visit by a member of BOB is somewhat disruptive and is becoming to appear foreboding to the field organizations. Therefore, I would like to establish a procedure that I am sure will satisfy both of us and also will assure us of a more closely coordinated working relationship.

You will recall from your NRO briefings the composition of my Staff and Comptroller offices here in the Pentagon which support me in my XRP activities. I consider these offices to possess all of those capabilities of satellite reconnaissance planning, policy, operations, technical development and budgeting to make them my focal point for all XRP matters. It is with these two offices only where I wish all of our interactions to take place. I hope that my Staff will be able to provide you the information you need in all but unusual instances. Whenever you feel that more information is required than is available from my Staff or that a personal visit is required for some specific reason, I would appreciate it if you would address the matter to me. I will then arrange whatever is necessary to provide you the information you require.

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I trust you will find these arrangements to be satisfactory and we can proceed with this understanding.

Sincerely,

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John L. McLucas

Mr. Robert P. Mayo
Director
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