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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Breakfast Meeting

Mr. Plummer hosted a breakfast on 31 March to discuss the NASA/DOD/NRO interface. Attending the meeting were: Dr. Low, Dr. Petrone, Mr. Williamson and General Crow from NASA; Dr. Currie, Mr. Plummer, Dr. Wade and myself from the Pentagon.

The attached agenda was used for the meeting. The group agreed to the substance of the Staff Analysis paper and the issues identified in item number one. The group also agreed to the Memorandum of Agreement with some modification. A side issue was discussed and it was tentatively agreed to work toward a low profile Board which would not be acknowledged as an existing structure to the public domain. It was agreed that both Defense and NASA General Counsels would be consulted on this issue. It was agreed that a 156 Committee, as augmented, review would be conducted and that Mr. Williamson and I would draw up terms of reference for the review. Dr. Low insisted that the review should be specific and not necessarily overall in terms of U.S. space activities. NASA also asked that the Commerce Department be added to the Review Committee along with Interior and Agriculture. It was agreed that the 156 Committee review concept would be added to the Memorandum of Agreement and that the Memorandum of Agreement would take effect prior to the completion of a 156 review. Dr. Low added that he would reserve judgment on the propriety of the review, however, until such time as the Terms of Reference are made final. The group also agreed that if the agency heads are unable to resolve an issue, the National Security Council should be employed as the appeal board and that the National Security Council should decide the mechanism for resolving the issue

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as opposed to assuming a 156 Committee review as a matter of course.

Action items resulting from the session were as follows:

1. With regard to the establishment of the Policy Board, legal counsel will be obtained as to the best way to constitute the Board without acknowledging it in the public domain.

2. Mr. Williamson and I will amend the Memorandum of Agreement to reflect the 156 Committee review and the appeal mechanism by the end of this week.

3. By the end of next week, Mr. Williamson and I will have a draft of Terms of Reference for the 156 Committee review.

4. In accordance with Mr. Plummer's desire, after the Terms of Reference are reviewed informally, there will be another breakfast meeting scheduled in about three weeks. Attending this breakfast meeting will be the same principals as today. *Col. Duvall added*

Following the meeting, Dr. Wade expressed some concern to me with the overall technical flavor of the Memorandum of Agreement and the Policy Board structure. He stated that Secretary Schlesinger holds International Security Affairs responsible for all policy interfaces with the National Security Council and that we should be cautious in order to insure that appropriate policy guidance remains either abreast of or in front of decisions on primarily technical matters. I have met with Dr. Wade to clarify this situation.



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AGENDA FOR NASA/DOD/NRO DISCUSSION

1. Subject: Staff Analysis paper.

Discussion: The staff Analysis paper outlines the history and current situation with respect to the NASA, NRO and DOD activities. The paper treats international political considerations, protection of technology, and public release of space data and information. The paper concludes with the issues stated as follows:

1. How should civil and military programs be coordinated and managed to avoid disclosure of classified capabilities or of military valuable data and information?
2. To what extent do classified programs risk constraint in the event of international opposition to civil remote sensing from space?

Agreement: It is proposed that the group agree to the substance of the staff Analysis paper and the issues as presented.

2. Subject: Memorandum of Agreement

Discussion: The Memorandum of Agreement establishes a structure to be called a Program Policy Board and two committees which would handle program technology and data management issues as they arise. The membership of the Policy Board would be the DDR&E, the Deputy Administrator NASA, the DDS&T, CIA and the DNRO. The committees, the Data and Information Release Committee and Technology Review Committee, would have senior level representatives from the organizations represented on the Policy Board. The Memorandum of Agreement would be signed by the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator NASA and the Director of Central Intelligence. The Memorandum of Agreement has bearing on the resolution of the first issue cited above.

Agreement: It is proposed that the group agree to the substance of the Memorandum of Agreement and to the structuring of the Program Policy Board and the Committees.

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3. Subject: Review of U.S. space activities by the NSAM 156 Committee as augmented.

Discussion: Based upon the need for a national inter-agency assessment of the overall conduct of space activities in order to establish criteria for the Program Policy Board and to establish an assessment of the risk of internationally influenced constraint on the classified programs, the Secretary of Defense will request the Secretary of State to reconvene the NSAM 156 Committee and to augment the committee with representation from the Interior and Agriculture Departments. The Terms of Reference for the review will be staffed through OSD (International Security Affairs) and DDR&E and coordinated with NASA prior to sending the request.

Agreement: It is proposed that the group agree to the composition of the augmented NSAM 156 Committee and the means by which the request for the national interagency review will be processed.

4. Subject: Resolution of issues not resolved by the Board.

Discussion: In the event the criteria established by the NSAM 156 Committee proves inadequate to assist in resolving an issue addressed by the Program Policy Board, this matter will be referred to the agency heads. An agency head will have the opportunity to request the NSAM 156 Committee, as augmented, to address that particular issue in the context of national space policy.

Agreement: It is proposed that the group agree to the appeal procedure to address non-resolved issues.

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