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MEMORANDUM FOR The Secretary of the Navy

SUBJECT: Program Director for the (S) National Reconnaissance Office

I refer to my memorandum of 28 June 1962 requesting nomination of an individual within the Navy to be POPPY project director, and your memorandum of 28 June 1962 nominating Rear Admiral V. L. Lowrance for this task.

I am inclosing a copy of a recent memorandum for NRO Program Directors and the Director, NRO Staff, outlining the organization and functions of the NRO. I would be happy to accept Rear Admiral Lowrance as Director, Program C, in which capacity he would be responsible for the NRO work to be accomplished by the Naval Research Laboratory, including the present POPPY project and such follow-on effort as may be added in the future.

While the NRO will, of course, make use of qualified personnel to provide necessary assistance in the conduct of the POPPY project, many of the functions previously accomplished by the Technical Operating Group (TOG) will be handled by the permanent NRO staff, as outlined in the inclosed memorandum.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you after you have had an opportunity to review the inclosed memorandum.

Signed

Joseph V. Charyk
Director
(S) National Reconnaissance Office

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