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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

3 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, PROGRAM B

SUBJECT: NRO Consultants

This is in response to your memorandum of 20 April 1977 providing comments on the proposed NRO policy for use of consultants. We appreciate your thoughts on the proposed policy and have incorporated them where applicable. We recognize your use of consultants as members of a team, such as the [redacted] Technical Advisory Panel, and we believe that the [redacted] policy provisions are advisory instead of mandatory in this type of situation as opposed to a situation where a NRO Program Office employs a single consultant with expertise in a particular scientific area in order for him to provide technical services on a number of different problems. Whereas the results of a panel action become known at the conclusion of the effort, the results of a personal services consultant's efforts working ad hoc problems might be difficult to track unless we asked for reports to be written.

We also recognize that your consultant and Determination and Findings approvals stem from the DCI's statute authority. Therefore, the NRO Staff's assistance in obtaining these approvals would not be necessary.

I have discussed with Dr. Cook and [redacted] your offer to provide periodic overviews of consultant activities and they agree that these reports would be very valuable. We would appreciate it if Program B could provide the DNRO with reports of panel activities and recommendations where NRO matters are considered. Also we would appreciate reports (quarterly or yearly as appropriate) on the activities of the personal services consultants who support your efforts.

Thank you very much for your help and comments on this proposed policy.

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Brigadier General, USAF
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