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On Tuesday, February 12, Lt Colonel Gleske called me to say that the transcripts were ready. Colonel Armstrong picked up seven copies for the Air Force. Six additional copies were sent to Mr. Ticer on the Armed Services Committee Staff. Arrangements were made for Colonel Gleske and me to meet with Mr. Ticer later in the day. We then cut out the NRO related portion from six of the seven Air Force copies. The remaining one copy was transferred to me. The six copies would be used in the normal Air Staff review. All purged sections were retained by us.

In the afternoon we met with Mr. Braswell and Mr. Ticer. It was agreed that of the six copies in the possession of the Committee, two would remain uncut at the TOP SECRET-Sensitive classification. Two more were cut and reduced to TOP SECRET and retained by the Committee. The other two were transferred to the Air Force. One of these will be edited and cut to make the document unclassified for the Congressional Record. The final copy will be left intact and all the editions and insertions for the record, including the NRO portion, will be made. This copy will be retained in the Committee files as permanent record at the TOP SECRET-Sensitive level. All other copies will be destroyed after this process takes place.

During our session Mr. Braswell indicated that he thought that this problem would be able to be worked out satisfactorily but that things were getting "looser" and he did not know how long we could protect this kind of information.

Colonel Gleske and I agreed that the NRO portion would be pulled out for the normal edition process and then inserted immediately prior to transmittal to the Committee.

On February 13, General Boswell told me that Mr. Friedheim wished to review the document personally based upon what Mr. Hinkle had told him. I indicated that our preference is that the NRO portion be handled separately with Mr. Friedheim. General Boswell also indicated that he would have to talk to Senator Symington about this matter. I am not clear what this would accomplish since the Committee Staff appeared satisfied with the arrangement at this time.

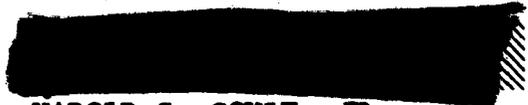
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Unless overruled or overtaken, we plan to stress the separate handling of the NRO testimony in the Pentagon, and will continue opposition to the entering of the testimony into the normal review process.

I have requested NRO Security and CIA Special Security to administer inadvertent disclosure oaths to the several people who had no clearances but were in attendance at the hearing.



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1 Secretary McLucas. Would you like me to answer that now?

2 Senator Symington. Can you do it?

3 Secretary McLucas. I am afraid I do not have it in my
4 mind, sir.

5 Senator Symington. Well, would you file it for the record?

6 Secretary McLucas. Yes.

7 Senator Symington. Thank you.

8 What is the estimated total cost -- no. Is this system
9 part of the National Reconnaissance Office referred to recently
10 in the press?

11 Secretary McLucas. No, sir. By the way, in answering the
12 question, when we do it for the record, it is fairly easy to
13 say, to give you an estimate of the cost of the satellites and
14 the control of those satellites that make up the Global
15 Positioning System. The large cost is in the individual aircraft
16 and other systems we want to use that system. So, if I give
17 you a figure of [REDACTED] for the satellite, there might be
18 [REDACTED] worth.

19 Senator Symington. Well, you give us those figures you
20 think are pertinent.

21 Secretary McLucas. Right.

22 Senator Symington. There was an article in the press
23 on December 9th, and this question is based on that article.
24 It states "for the past several years the supervision of the
25 National Reconnaissance Office has 'nominally been in the hands

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1 of the Undersecretary of the Air force."

2 Is that the case, and if so, could you give us a little
3 more data as to what the NRO is and does?

4 Secretary McLucas. Yes. The NRO has been under the juris-
5 diction of the Undersecretary of the Air Force continuously
6 since 1960; with the exception of one period when it was under
7 the Assistant Secretary, Dr. Flax, between the years of '65
8 and '69.

9 The office is a management office, it is a very small
10 number of people. It manages a program of about [REDACTED] a
11 year to develop and operate a system of reconnaissance satel-
12 lites. These satellites are developed by either the Air Force,
13 CIA or the Navy, mainly by the Air Force. The program is
14 operated as a covert program in the sense that none of this
15 has appeared as an identifiable line item. All of the information
16 with respect to this program has been made available to the
17 Select Committees that normally supervise the CIA program.

18 Senator Symington. When you say the Select Committees,
19 do you mean the CIA Subcommittee of this Committee?

20 Secretary McLucas. Yes, sir.

21 Senator Symington. Are you sure of that?

22 Secretary McLucas. Yes.

23 Senator Symington. In 1970, the National Reconnaissance
24 Program accounted for about [REDACTED] of the total intelli-
25 gence budget.

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1 Is that still the case in fiscal year 1975?

2 Secretary McLucas... Essentially so, yes.

3 Senator Symington. Do you know the amount is what the
4 question is.

5 Secretary McLucas... For NRO?

6 Senator Symington... Yes.

7 Would you file it for the record?

8 Secretary McLucas. Yes. It is just slightly over a
9 [REDACTED] essentially a [REDACTED]

10 Senator Symington. Thank you.

11 How many personnel are assigned to the NRO?

12 Secretary McLucas. I would have to submit the details for
13 the record.

14 Senator Symington. Would you do that?

15 Thank you.

16 General Brown, I have a few questions here for you and a
17 little time left.

18 On page 5 you make reference to the fact that the ICBM
19 force today consists of 1000 MINUTE MAN and 54 TITAN missiles.
20 Is it still the plan to phase out the 54 TITAN missiles in the
21 near future?

22 General Brown. It is, yes, sir.

23 Senator Symington. On page 10 you stated, "we plan to
24 step up our research and development efforts in this area as
25 a hedge against failure to reach essential equivalents of our