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A. Purpose

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1. This document defines the role of reconnaissance under Joint Chiefs of Staff management in consonance with the objectives of the "Agreement for Reorganization of the National Reconnaissance Program" dated 11 August 1965.

B. General

1. Reconnaissance under JCS management will be responsive both to national intelligence collection requirements and to the requirements of military operations. The validation of national targeting requirements, establishment of priorities and desired frequency of coverage are the responsibility of USIB; execution of operations to satisfy those requirements is - subject to approval by the 303 Committee.
C. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will:

1. Manage and direct military reconnaissance programs and operations assigned by the Secretary of Defense to support approved national intelligence collection requirements;

2. In response to OSD direction and in coordination with the Department of State as appropriate, provide necessary guidance and constraints for reconnaissance activities in support of military operations;

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3. Submit, through the Secretary of Defense, proposed reconnaissance operations of national interest or of particular sensitivity to the 303 Committee for approval;

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4. Maintain close liaison and coordination with the CIA and NRO to minimize undesirable duplication and to prevent operational conflicts which might generate excessive hostile reaction; and

5. Provide and coordinate military support for CIA and NRO reconnaissance operations which involve assigned or attached resources of commanders of unified or specified commands.

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