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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

SUBJECT: Nov 70 Ex Com Decisions

The Ex Com made decisions on 20 Nov 70 for FY 1971 Funding, FY 1972 Budget, and FY 73-76 Five Year Defense Program costing. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of those decisions pertinent to Director D involvement, with two particular qualifications:

1. While Ex Com approved, the programs and costs are not necessarily the same as may be the basis for the FY 1972 President's Budget or the FYDP. You will be informed of any significant changes as they occur.
2. This notification does not constitute an approval of program changes nor revised funding. However, it is a basis for requesting changes or revisions in accordance with established procedures, as appropriate.

The decisions applicable to Director D are:

1. TAGBOARD. No change from July 70 Ex Com decision to fly 3 in FY 1971, but then place residual inventories in flyable storage for FY 72 and 73.
2. U-2 Aircraft. Concurrence in Option 3 for FY 72, and tentatively for FY 73-76 costing. This establishes funding protection for CIA flying 5 U-2R's in photographic missions, and SAC flying 5 U-2R's as Comint-related (3 deployed to 1 Overseas Location), plus 2 U-2R's for Cuba and SEA photo coverage, subject to a future decision to deploy for Comint missions. Re-examine options for FY 73 thru 77 for the July 71 Ex Com.
3. Area 51 Operations. Continue at FY 71 NRP funding levels.
4. Depot support for CIA satellites. Continue essentially as planned (inherent in decisions).

It appears that no Director D actions are necessary at this time as a result of these decisions, and that the next decision date will be

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related to Comint deployment.

Further specifics and options will be included in the next budget call.

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