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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX

**SUBJECT: RFP for the Photographic Subsystem for a New Search/
Surveillance System**

In accordance with your instructions, the RFP proposed by the CIA has been reviewed and a revised version prepared. Both the CIA proposal and the revised version are attached. The revised RFP deals solely with the photographic subsystem, and avoids stipulations affecting the overall system management and configuration. In addition, the technical and performance objectives have been restated as necessary to assure that any of the three designs being considered is not precluded from consideration, or unnecessarily penalized in competing for this task. As a result, the RFP is now relatively general. Although it can be used to request proposals to select between the competing designs, it will require further revision and additions to include system specifications, interface definitions, and other related data developed through overall system engineering activities before it will describe the photographic subsystem development program.

Nearly every section of the RFP proposed by CIA was affected by this review. However, the most significant revisions occurred in Statement of Work, paragraphs 1.0 through 4.0; the entire Appendix I, Design Criteria; the entire Addendum A, System Considerations; and Appendix VIII, Assembly and Checkout Support Plan. The changes to the Statement of Work and the deletion of Appendix VIII were required to eliminate system management implications in the CIA proposal. The design criteria and system considerations were almost entirely rewritten and are in effect completely new statements. These sections have been marked for your convenience in the document proposed by CIA, and the revised version.

The previously prepared letter of instructions to a source selection board has been updated to be consistent with the RFP (Tab A). It is

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emphasized that the tentative schedule included in this letter is the most optimistic which could be envisioned. In addition to being extremely tight, this schedule calls for the RFP to be issued to industry some two weeks before IFEK will have completed its current effort to become familiar with the EK design. However, the only firm point in the schedule is the first briefing to you; a final schedule would be established at that briefing. The period of approximately two weeks before the initial briefing to you will provide time to produce final copies of the RFP and associated documents for submission to industry. More importantly, it will give the board an opportunity to meet and develop their general approach for the evaluation. They may require considerable assistance from SAFSP and/or CIA in manning evaluation groups to review various parts of the system, or to analyze costs, facilities, etc. It is suggested that they summarize their approach for you at this initial meeting and receive any additional guidance or instructions you may have at that time.

A DNRO Action Memorandum establishing a Task Group for source selection has also been prepared. (Tab B). The SAFSP members named have been reconfirmed with Colonel Smith. The names of the CIA members must be reconfirmed; necessary action will be taken upon your approval.

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