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NRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held August 20, 1968
Office of Deputy Secretary of Defense
Room 3E 928, The Pentagon
3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Members Present

Mr. Paul H. Nitze	Deputy Secretary of Defense
Mr. Richard Helms	Director of Central Intelligence
Dr. Donald F. Hornig	Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology

Others Present

Dr. Alexander H. Flax	Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Ex Officio
Mr. James Q. Reber	Secretary, NRP Executive Committee Ex Officio

Dr. John S. Foster, Jr.

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Vice Adm. Rufus Taylor
Mr. Carl E. Duckett
Dr. Lloyd K. Lauderdale
Mr. Fred S. Hoffman
Mr. C. William Fischer
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Brig. Gen. Russell A. Berg
Col. Lew Allen, Jr.
Col. Thomas O. Haig

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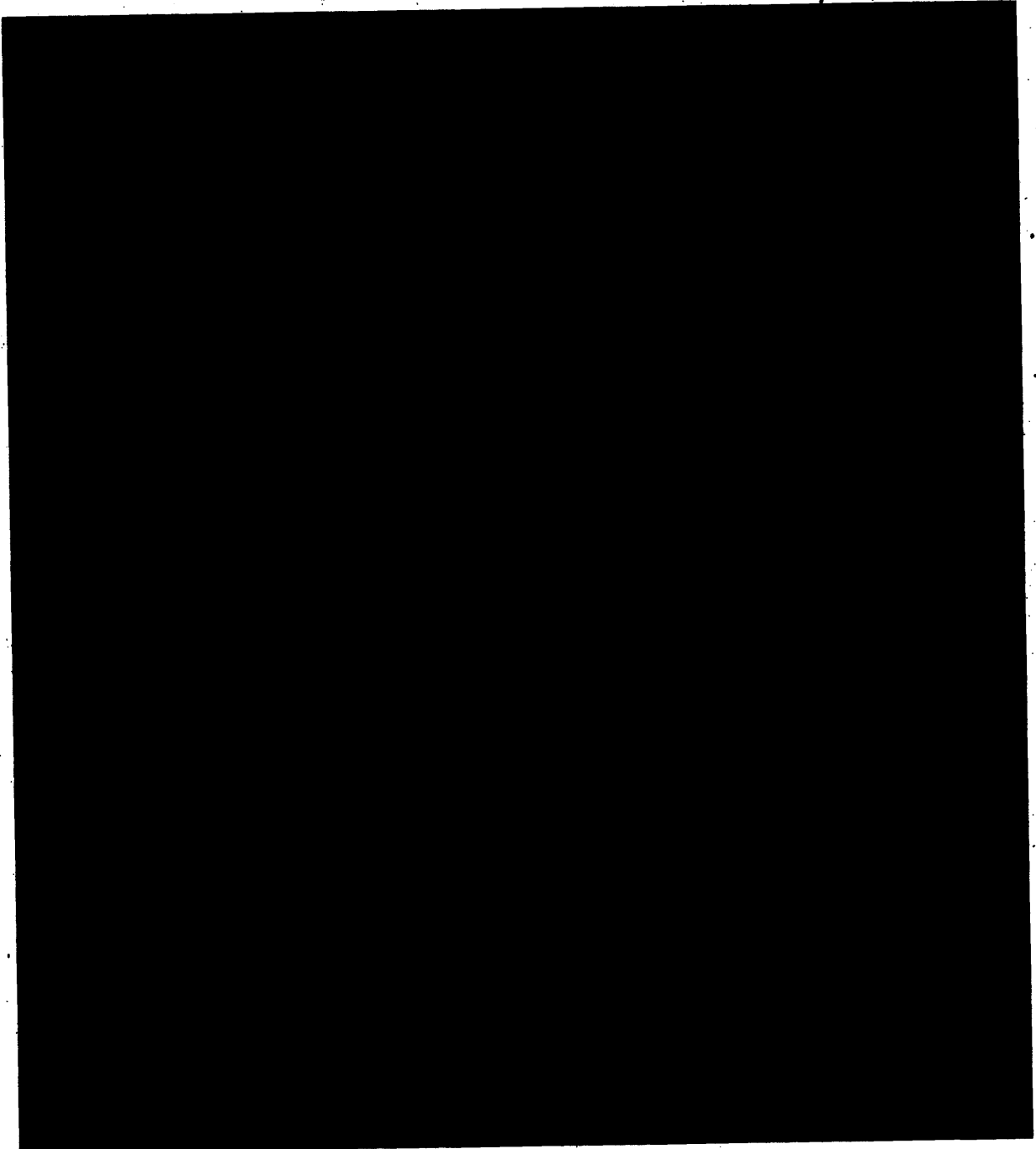
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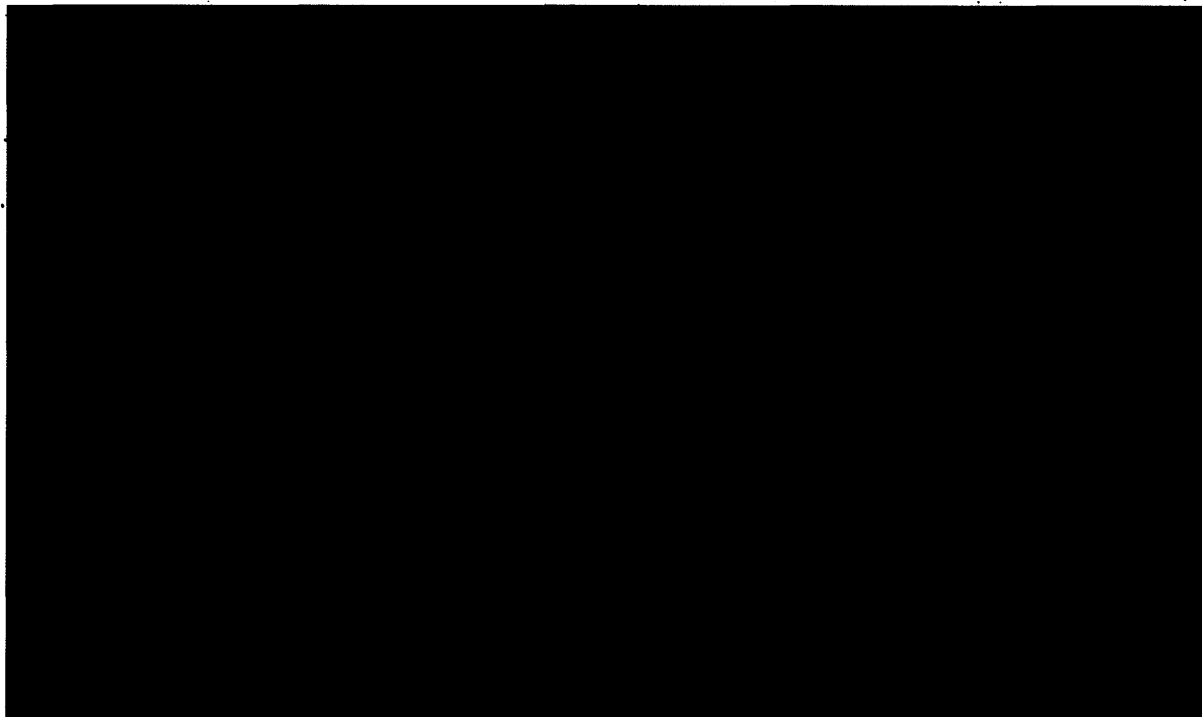
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- Reference a. BYE-11685-68, July 25, 1968.
- Reference b. BYE-183-68/1, July 30, 1968.
- Reference c. BYE-13236-68, July 16, 1968.
- Reference d. BYE-2265-68/1, July 1, 1968.

Dr. Foster introduced this subject, referring to the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget (Reference a) and also to the assignment which he had received from the Deputy Secretary of Defense on the requirements evaluation relevant to the need for HEXAGON as a part of the overall photographic reconnaissance capability. He had hoped that this would be finished by June; however, it will not be available until November. He proposed that Mr. Helms appoint an individual to work with the DOD group. He said eventually they will have to try to answer the question of what the various levels of information are worth in dollar terms. It is expected also to get some understanding of whether the HEXAGON capability would make any difference to us vis-a-vis the arms agreement. Admiral Taylor indicated that he thought the answer to

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these questions had been provided by the NIRB and the COMIREX studies, referring especially to a DIA study which concluded that the resolution of 3.5 feet provides an increase in information that is highly significant. It was explained that there is a large class of military equipment which is discernible and identifiable at 3.5 feet. Dr. Foster said that his study would certainly make use of the materials Admiral Taylor referred to but it was felt that it would be useful to have an independent study of this question.

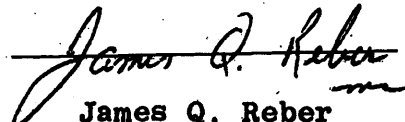
In response to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Helms reaffirmed that the requirement for the HEXAGON exists. However, he said he had no objection to proceeding with the study; Dr. Hornig also agreed, as did Mr. Hoffman.

NRP Financial Program Year (PY) 1969

Reference. BYE-13345-68, August 16, 1968.

The NRO Comptroller, ██████████ reviewed the reference, section by section, with explanations of various accounts.

The Executive Committee concurred in the 1969 apportionment as presented, but there were several expressions of concern about the low level of research and exploratory development.


James Q. Reber
Secretary

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