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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense - Mr. Vance

SUBJECT: CIA Program B Participation in CORONA

1. At the 1 September EXCOM meeting we agreed that CIA would furnish on the West Coast whatever resources are required to adequately support the traditional CIA role in CORONA. This memorandum sets down the specific terms of reference for this participation, in order that such a team can be expeditiously created without any misunderstanding of its mission.

2. The manner in which we would like to proceed builds around a senior CIA man who would be posted to Los Angeles and physically located with [redacted] group. He would provide the [redacted] program B, with a single point-of-contact, close at hand, for all aspects of the program assigned to CIA. Specifically, he would be responsible for: *and would be responsible for the* *The Filter*

- a) The payload contracts (Lockheed, ITEK, and GE) via the CIA contracting officer who would be located with him in [redacted] area.

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b) The security of the payload through the local security man.

c) Two (or more if necessary) CIA technical people who would be assigned to him to work in CORONA.

d) The assembly, ^{independent} installation, and checkout ^{process - The facility} facility (SKUNKWORKS) at Palo Alto where the payloads are assembled and tested.

This senior man and his team would be responsive to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but would retain their lines of command, funding, communications, etc., back to ^{CIA} Program B in the Agency. The senior man could be made available now and his team within ^{offer as immediate} two months.

3. We propose to support the ^{CIA} West Coast CORONA team with the technical in-house assets of CIA/DDS&T. ^{as required} In addition, ^{M. Addison} we have the depth of covert support, contracting and security, available in Headquarters, to backstop the ^{CIA} team in Los Angeles to whom the CORONA responsibilities would be delegated.

4. In order to make this arrangement a truly working one, ~~it is our view~~ that the CIA team should be a participating part of the program, in every sense of the word. Based on experience, it is our view that such participation should include,

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but not be limited to:

a) Participation in ^{all} contractor-supplier meetings, across the system interfaces, such that the team responsible for payload development remain fully cognizant of total system status.

b) Recognition by the [redacted] of CIA's role in the payload area .

c) Reconstitution (or revitalization) of the Configuration Control Board (or ^{whatever} ~~some similar~~ *coordinating mechanism*) and affirmation of the CIA role in this body as the cognizant agency representing the payload. *Handwritten notes on the right side of the page.*

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5. It is my considered judgement that implementation of the agreement to furnish CIA support in California, which takes proper account of the responsibilities and terms of reference outlined here, would have significant benefit to the program. You can be assured of ~~an~~ our enthusiastic support of such an arrangement.

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