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NEW PROPOSAL

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a. A single authoritative program manager for CORONA is in the national interest and this manager is the Commanding General, [redacted] reporting directly to the D/NRO.

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c. The program manager will look to a senior CIA CORONA representative to provide technical direction for the payload. By payload, it is understood to include the cameras, film transport mechanism, and associated items peculiar to the camera system. The responsibility for all CIA technical activities in CORONA will be consolidated under this senior CIA representative who will be located physically in the Offices of the Commanding General, [REDACTED]

d. The senior CIA representative is the single point of contact within Government for the CORONA payload contractors, specifically including LMSC, GE, and ITEK, for technical direction, contracting and security. He will be responsible for ensuring proper contractor performance and compliance. This relationship will govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for payload improvement and the issuance of new directives. It is understood that technical decisions and directions on the re-entry vehicle components not peculiar to the payload may well come from [REDACTED] through the CIA representative.

b. All CIA technical and contractual activities in the CORONA Program will be consolidated under a senior CIA representative who will report to and be located in the Offices of the Director, [REDACTED]. Specifically, the senior CIA representative will be responsible for the following:

(1) Provide technical direction for the CORONA payload. By payload it is understood to include the cameras, film transport mechanism, and associated items peculiar to the camera system.

(2) Be the single authoritative point of contact within the Government for (CIA - let CORONA contracts) (specifically including LMSC, GE, and ITEK) for technical direction, contracting, and security. He will be responsible for ensuring proper contractor performance and compliance. This relationship will govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for product improvement and the issuance of new directives. It is understood that technical decisions and directions on system elements not peculiar to the payload (for example, certain re-entry vehicle components) may well come from [REDACTED] through the senior CIA representative.

e. A CORONA Payload Configuration Control Board reporting to the Commanding General, [redacted] is established under the Chairmanship of the senior CIA representative. The CIA representative will also serve as a member of an overall CORONA systems Configuration Control Board reporting to the Commanding General, [redacted]

(3) Be the Payload Member of a CORONA System Configuration Control Board reporting to the Director, [redacted]  
(4) Be the Chairman of a CORONA Payload Configuration Control Board reporting directly to the Director, [redacted]  
(5) Control and direct the personnel and functions of the AP facility at Palo Alto, including the payload systems integration effort.

3. [redacted] will provide the general systems engineering for the program in accordance with current contracts. Required interface between [redacted] and the payload contractors will be accomplished under the guidance and coordination of the senior CIA representative.

3. [redacted] will provide systems engineering services for the CORONA Program in accordance with current contracts. Required interface between [redacted] and the CIA contractors will be accomplished under the guidance of and/or in coordination with the senior CIA representative, as appropriate.

4. The AP facility at Palo Alto, its personnel and functions, including systems integration, is under the control and direction of the senior CIA representative.

4. The Palo Alto AP facility will continue to provide software support to the CORONA Program (for example, nominal and actual ephemeris computation, camera programming, etc.) as it has in the past. In this respect, the AP facility will be directly responsive to the NRO Satellite Operations Center for target requirements during both preparatory and on-orbit operations. In addition, the assets available at the AP will continue to be available for support of operations analysis.

5. The CORONA camera programming function and associated software support will continue at the AP facility and is responsive directly to the Satellite Operations Center of the NRO for target requirements during both preparatory and on-orbit operations.