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2. The CORONA program is a joint endeavor of the U.S. Air Force and the CIA within the purview of the National Reconnaissance Program. In order to focus and strengthen the participation of the Central Intelligence Agency in the CORONA program and to ensure a mechanism for sound overall management, the following decisions are effective at once concerning the CIA participation:

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b. The program manager exercises over-all technical direction of the program and is responsible to the DNRO for its successful prosecution, who is in turn responsible to the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense.

c. All CIA activities in CORONA, including security and contracting, will come to a focus in CIA's [REDACTED] who in turn is responsible to [REDACTED]

d. [REDACTED] will provide systems engineering for the program in accordance with current contracts.

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b. [REDACTED] the CORONA program manager, exercises overall technical and operational direction of the program and is responsible to the DNRO for its successful prosecution. The DNRO is responsible to the Secretary of Defense as the Executive Agent for the NRP and to the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence as set forth in the DOD-CIA Agreement dated 13 March 1963.

c. All Director, Program B activities in CORONA, including security and contracting, will be consolidated under [REDACTED] who in turn is responsible to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be physically stationed with [REDACTED] at El Segundo, California.

d. [REDACTED] will provide systems engineering for the program in accordance with current contracts amended as provided for in [REDACTED] dated 17 August 1964.

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b. The program manager exercises overall technical direction of the program and is responsible to the D/NRO for its successful prosecution.

c. The program manager will look to a senior CIA CORONA representative to provide technical direction for the payload. All CIA technical activities in CORONA will be consolidated under this senior CIA representative.

f. [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.

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e. A CORONA payload Advisory Committee reporting to [REDACTED] will replace the old Payload Configuration Control Board. The Chairman will be [REDACTED]

f. The AP facility at Palo Alto, its personnel and functions remains a CIA activity and reports to [REDACTED] and is responsible to [REDACTED] through him.

g. The camera programming function performed at the AP facility will continue to be directly responsive to the [REDACTED] of the NRO for target requirements, as it always has been.

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e. A CORONA Advisory Committee reporting to [REDACTED] will be established. [REDACTED] will be a member of this committee with responsibility for providing advice and assistance on the technical aspects of the payload.

f. The LMSC (A/P) facility at Palo Alto, its personnel and its functions, remains a Director, Program B activity and reports to [REDACTED] and is responsible to [REDACTED] through him.

g. [REDACTED] the CORONA program manager, is responsible for all technical decisions during pre-launch, launch, on-orbit, and recovery phases of mission execution. Operational communications procedures and mission responsibilities as outlined in [REDACTED] dated 30 November 1964 will be followed. It is reaffirmed that the NRO [REDACTED] is responsible for intelligence targeting and mission termination or interruptions only in emergencies in which technical considerations threaten the successful completion of the mission.

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e. A CORONA Payload Advisory Committee, reporting to Commanding General, [REDACTED] is established under the Chairmanship of the senior CIA representative.

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

h. The camera programming function for CORONA operations is the responsibility of the CIA and is directly responsive to the [REDACTED] of the NRO for target requirements.

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h. [REDACTED] will provide a single point of contact for the payload contractors, Lockheed, GE and ITEK, on all matters pertaining to their contracts. This includes contracting, security, and technical direction, subject to the final approval of [REDACTED]. This relationship would govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for payload improvement and the issuance of new directives.

i. The systems integration contract with Lockheed [REDACTED] will continue to be a CIA contract under [REDACTED] as it is an integral part of the activity at the AP facility.

j. Required funds to support CIA contracts will be included in the CIA portion of the NRO budget.

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h. [REDACTED] will provide a centralized point of contact for the payload contractors, LMSC (A/P), GE (R/V), and Itek on all matters pertaining to their contracts. This includes contracting, security, and implementation of technical directives as approved by [REDACTED]. This relationship will govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for payload improvement and the issuance of new directives.

i. The systems integration contract with LMSC (A/P) will continue to be a Director, Program B contract under [REDACTED] as it is an integral part of the CORONA activity at this facility.

j. Required funds to support Director, Program B contracts will continue to be included in the Director, Program A portion of the NRO budget and funding procedures will continue as presently established by the NRO Comptroller.

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d. The senior CIA representative is the single point of contact within the Government for the payload contractors, specifically including LMSC, GE, and ITEK, for technical direction, contracting and security. This relationship will govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for payload improvement and the issuance of new directives.

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i. The budget for the payload will be prepared by the senior CIA representative and coordinated with the program manager. Funds required to support CIA contracts will be included in the CIA portion of the NRO budget.

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k. [REDACTED] will be the project manager for the CORONA Payload reporting directly to [REDACTED] in parallel with [REDACTED] who will be project manager for the remainder of the system (i.e., THOR, AGENA, LAUNCH, etc.).

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