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18 MAY 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

THROUGH : Assistant Director, Office of Special Activities
 : Chief, Special Projects Staff [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : System Engineering and Technical Direction,
 : Project CORONA Contracts

1. Reference is made to Memorandum for Deputy Director for Science and Technology, Subject; Incorporation of [REDACTED] Enabling Clause in CORONA Contracts, Dated 5 February 1965 [REDACTED].

2. The referenced memorandum outlined the diversity of policy on management and technical direction of the CORONA Program between the Air Force and SPS. Specifically in question was the incorporation into CORONA Contracts of the [REDACTED] enabling clause directed by the D/NRO which established System Engineering and Technical Direction under their control. This proposed clause is set forth in Attachment A to this memorandum.

3. During a subsequent conversation between yourself and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] it was agreed that the decision on this matter be deferred until resolution of the overall CIA/Air Force role in the management of the CORONA Program and CIA responsibilities under other NRO Programs. Further, it was agreed that negotiations with the contractors should proceed but issuance of definitive contracts be withheld until a decision had been reached.

4. Negotiations have now been concluded with ITEK, General Electric and Lockheed on the current CORONA procurements. These negotiations have been conducted on the basis that CIA would control technical direction and no cost provisions were made for coordination and liaison with [REDACTED]. Contract language substantially, as set forth in Attachment B, has been drafted and concurred in by SPS and is acceptable to the contractors. However, the conflict in policy is apparent when comparing the language of Attachments A and B.

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5. In view of the fact that the contracts mentioned above are now in typing and should be issued as soon as possible, it is requested that the Contracting Officer be given specific instruction with regard to the incorporation of the language set forth in either Attachment A or B and/or a further course of action, if any, to be taken with the D/NRO and the Air Force.

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Contracting Officer
Contracts Division, OSA

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ATTACHMENT A

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL DIRECTION

The effort on Program [REDACTED] covered by this contract is under general program management of [REDACTED]. The Air Force has entered into a contract with the [REDACTED] for the services of a technical group which will, under the management of the [REDACTED] be responsible for the general system engineering and corresponding technical direction of the efforts under this contract.

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees to cooperate with the [REDACTED] by responding to invitations to meetings, request for technical information and requests for Research and Development planning data on all matters pertaining to this contract and by discussing with the [REDACTED] employees technical matters relating to this program. The Contractor further agrees to accept technical direction as described herein.

Formalization of general systems engineering and technical direction generated by the [REDACTED] of effort under this contract will be documented by the issuance of a serially numbered "Technical Directive" issued by the [REDACTED] and signed by the appropriate Government Contracting Officer stating that compliance with such "Technical Directive" is directed pursuant to the clause of this contract entitled "CHANGES."

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ATTACHMENT B

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The effort on Program [REDACTED] covered by this contract is under the general program management at Headquarters, CIA. The Contractor shall plan and conduct program development, manufacturing, and testing of the subsystems to attain the requirements of the CORONA "J" photographic satellite system in accordance with the appropriate specifications and/or work statement.

The Technical Direction under this contract will be provided through the Headquarter's Technical Monitor. The Technical Monitor shall be the day to day point of contact for the Contractor.

Formalization of such Technical Direction under this contract will be documented by the issuance of a serially numbered "Technical Directive," and signed by the appropriate Contracting Officer, stating that compliance with such "Technical Directive" is directed pursuant to the clause of this contract entitled "CHANGES."

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