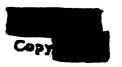
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT:

Operations in the LANYARD Program

REFERENCE:

Memorandum for the Record by Lt. Col. subject: Carrent State of Project LANYARD; dated 18 April 1962

- I. I have just read the report submitted by Lt. Colonel on the meeting held on 13 April 1962 between CIA and the Director of regarding certain areas of interest in the LANYARD program.
- 2. Throughout the report there is evidence that
 regards the LANYARD program as one in which the Gentral Intelligence
 Agency has a supporting rather than a joint role. His desires to
 circumvent the terms of the original agreement in regards to the
 distribution of concurrent copies of LANYARD project communications
 between the three parties is an example of a trend that may extend into
 the operational area.
- 3. It is my understanding that there was some discussion on proposal to do the E-4 camera system operation on the West Coast. This trend alarms me for the following reasons:
 - a. Under Operations, in the agreement, the Agency is charged with planning, direction, and control of the camera program as it now exists under the CORONA program. In fact this is the method of operation in all DPD programs; plan, direct,

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and control from Washington. In the next sentence of the LANYARD agreement it is possible to see this concept being croded away. Quote, "These activities will include participation in all phases by personnel of the Director efficient and the Director, Office of Exactly how this sentence is interpreted by the three parties to the agreement can well determine how the Agency is so meet its agreed responsibilities.

b. This is read into LANYARD operations could have far reaching effects in present and future programs now under CIA central and in which the USAF has management interests.

i. It is not clear to me if new agreements will have to be written for each modification accepted in the LANYARD agreement as amended by the contracting of the required. The movement of the Contracting Office, Operations Center, and assignment of Lt. Celonel Murphy as linked officer responsible only to along with the control of Agency communications facilities will effectively remove CIA/DPD from operational control of satellite overhead reconnaissance as it pertains to inture programs. It then remains to be seen if such control becomes retreactive and includes COECNA.

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Lt. Colonel USAF Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD