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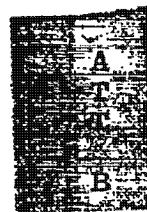
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28 August 1964

The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

At my meeting with you, Dr. Fubini, and Mr. Kiefer on 26 August to discuss NRO matters, an excerpt from Dr. McMillan's memorandum for the record of the meeting of 11 August was read to support the transfer of contracting responsibility for CORONA payload from Program B to Program A.



In checking my records here and in a subsequent conversation with Mr. McCone, we have no record of discussions regarding this proposed contractual change.

Mr. McCone dissented from the proposal that Aerospace be given a contract as Systems Manager in lieu of the current related contract with Lockheed. He then stated that if it was the majority view of the group that this Aerospace contract should be let, then Director, NRO could go ahead with it. There was no discussion of, nor did Mr. McCone agree to any other changes in, contracting procedures and particularly as to any change in the responsibility for payload contracting.

I send you this note just to keep the record straight in the event further discussion is needed in this regard.

Faithfully yours,

/s/

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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