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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NRO STAFF

SUBJECT: USIB/COMOR Interface

All of you are aware of the fact that NRO responds to, and only to, the USIB on matters pertaining to intelligence collection requirements.

To insure continuity on all USIB matters and timely and proper response to their NRP-associated actions, I have designated the office of the Deputy for Operations (SS-4) as the responsible NRO Staff element. SAFSS-4 is the single focal point for receipt and maintenance of all USIB/COMOR agenda, minutes and allied papers. SAFSS-4 will notify the DDNRO and the Director, NRO Staff, of all USIB meetings and explain items in that detail required for understanding and decision making by DNRO/DDNRO as to attendance and preparations required.

If SAFSS-4 is to adequately perform its USIB liaison functions, which include representing the NRO on the USIB sub-committee, COMOR, and its working groups, it must be kept informed of all NRO/USIB associated actions. Accordingly, all NRO/USIB associated actions engaged in by the staff will be made known to SAFSS-4. All outgoing USIB correspondence will be coordinated with SAFSS-4 before release.



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NRO Staff

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OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NRO STAFF

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On 27 September 1963, a call was received from Colonel Krieder (Acting Executive Secretary of the USIB). He had reference to a USIB document (D-41.11/1, dated 23 September 1963) regarding the NRO/USIB relationship and stated that at the request of Mr. McCone, he had called Dr. McMillan to confirm with him how USIB agendas and paper work pertaining to USIB/NRO business should be handled. Colonel Krieder received affirmation from Dr. McMillan that all USIB paper work should be handled through our office, since we had been working in this capacity on COMOR matters. I questioned him regarding the role Mr. Kiefer would play in these matters and he had no comment.

The 13 March 1963 NRO agreement, Paragraph II. 1. outlines the DDNRO functions regarding USIB. Since there appears to be little doubt regarding these DDNRO responsibilities, perhaps what is needed is a clarification of the procedural details. Some questions are: Who is to be notified of USIB meetings; who should receive USIB agendas, minutes and papers relating to agenda items? These require definitive answers to insure that NRO responsibilities to USIB are properly covered.

We are represented at all COMOR meetings. Major Tarbell or Colonel Duncan attend in cases where NRO business involving satellites is involved. Where it is strictly a meeting involving NRP aircraft projects, a representative from Program Director B's office (Mr. Duckett) attends at our request.



Deputy for Operations  
NRO Staff

*55-4 is the responsible NRO Staff element, and should be the single focal point for receipt of all COMOR/USIB agendas, minutes, papers, etc. 55-4 should notify DDNRO and myself of all USIB meetings, and explain any "restricted agenda" items so that DDNRO and I may determine when to attend and be prepared for the NRO focus on the agenda.*

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