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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

August 2, 1968

## MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BERG

SUBJECT: Increasing Participation in the Review, Analysis and  
Management of NRP Matters by Outside Agencies

You recently discussed with Colonel Worthman and me your concern over both the increasing number and activity of "outside" agencies in reviews and analyses of NRP efforts. You suggested at the time that we collect the background information on this activity and assemble, perhaps, a paper which would describe briefly the functions and membership of each. We have assembled such a paper.

It is interesting to note that on October 1, 1965 -- the date of Dr. Flax's assumption of DNRO responsibilities -- there existed only four elements of the Government chartered, in one sense or another, to review the activities of the NRP. These were:

1. USIB (and Committees)
2. PFIAB
3. PSAC Panel on NRP Matters
4. NRP Executive Committee

The DIA Scientific Advisory Committee, established in February, 1965, has been active in the scientific and technical intelligence area but has not been involved specifically in a review of our efforts.

This number has grown to fifteen.

Chronologically, they have appeared as follows:

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On August 30, 1966: The ASD(SA) asked our support of a study which would analyze the relationship between user needs, requirements generator, mission targeting, collection systems, processing and intelligence production.

On May 4, 1967: The Deputy DDR&E proposed (in response to a DepSecDef request) an over-all review of collection efforts against the Soviet ABM/LR SAM problem.

In August, 1967: The DCI, Director BOB and the Secretary of Defense jointly established a committee to develop a Target-Oriented Display to show how U. S. intelligence sources are directed against major intelligence requirements.

On October 3, 1967: The DepSecDef asked the ASD(SA) to undertake a study of ELINT requirements to develop recommendations on ELINT force levels based on trade-offs between surface, air and space-borne platforms.

On October 27, 1967: The Director, BOB requested a special study effort to identify that ABM information most needed in the foreseeable future for U. S. decisions on the design and deployment of U. S. forces and other matters of major importance.

On December 21, 1967: The Director, BOB proposed a joint (OSD, CIA, BOB) study of the planned GAMBIT-3 launch schedule.

In January, 1968: The Reconnaissance Planning Group was established by agreement between the DCI and the DNRO to advise the DNRO and DCI of emerging problems of the NRP which involved the closely related considerations of research, development, operations and intelligence requirements.

On April 26, 1968: The ASD(SA) proposed the DGM concept as a vehicle for improving DOD planning and decision-making in the communication and intelligence areas.

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In May 1968: The DCI established the Special Study Group on U.S. SIGINT Effort (Eaton Committee) to review the SIGINT activities of the U.S. Government to assist in the formulation of recommendations for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of SIGINT activities.

On May 17, 1968: The DCI organized the National Intelligence Resources Board (NIRB) to assist him in developing judgments concerning the need for resources to support the foreign intelligence effort.

I have attached on the right the collection of papers which describes the functions and membership (where appropriate) of the five which were in being on October 1, 1965 (including a separate entry for each of the three major committees -- SIGINT Committee, GMAIC, and COMIREX -- of the USIB) and of the remaining ten which were organized subsequent to that date. The attachments have been formatted to include a short precis of activity, the membership or representation (where appropriate) and the charter (where available).

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