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WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE NRO STAFF

July 28, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Delegation of Procurement Authority

At Tab A is a copy of the memorandum which designates the Director of Special Projects (OSAF) as the "head of a procuring activity" and delegates to him the procurement authority to act with respect to all projects and programs entered into or administered under his authority. This is the memorandum which was updated on June 23, 1965 (at the time of General Greer's departure) and which has served as General Martin's authority since that time. You will note that the authority is granted the Director of Special Projects.

General Greer was designated Director of Special Projects by SAF Order 116.1, the current version of which is dated July 19, 1962 and appears at Tab B. General Martin has served in this capacity since July 1, 1965 with only a personnel action-type document which assigned him as Director of Special Projects. We have experienced no difficulty in this regard, but on the other hand, have never produced a document which specifically designates an individual as Director of that activity to accompany the delegation of procurement authority.

We believe it is appropriate and desirable, with General King's assumption of these duties, to:

1. update the delegation of authority, and
2. produce an accompanying document which designates General King as Director of that activity.

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We have prepared these two documents for your signature (Tabs C and D). We are in the process of staffing with SAFAA a revision of SAF Order 116.1. It is our understanding that you have agreed to a renaming of the activity as "Office of Special Projects" vice the previous designation "Directorate of Special Projects" in the rewrite of SAF Order 116.1. Accordingly, we have revised the updated delegation memorandum and have prepared General King's designation to reflect this change.

Recommendation:

That you sign the documents at Tabs C and D.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Lang's office and have their concurrence in the issuance of these documents.

William R. Yost
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Lt Colonel, USAF

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