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THE NRO STAFF

15 August 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL ALLEN

SUBJECT: Revision of SAFO 116.1

Problem: To obtain a coordinated update of SAFO 116.1, subject: The Directorate of Special Projects.

Background: As you know, the existing approved SAF Order pertaining to SAFSP is the July 19, 1962 version (TAB A) which names Major General Greer as Director. In April 1969, General Berg requested the Administrative Assistant to update the SAFO and to amend it slightly (TAB B). This was accomplished by the staff of SAFAAA and that version (less inked changes) is at TAB C. General Berg's partial concurrence in the first re-write is also at TAB C.

At that point, [redacted] became personally involved in the staffing action and objected to the designation of SAFSP as a "Directorate". His position is that SAFSP should be designated an "Office" in consonance with standard Secretariat terminology. This position was strongly opposed by General Martin and somewhat less vehemently by General King. As a result of this impasse, action on the SAFO stalled out for a period of time.

More recently, Colonel Yost and I discussed the issuing of updated procurement delegation authority to General King with [redacted] in SAFAA. We tied in the matter of the SAFO at the same time and [redacted] made a very positive statement that Dr. McLucas had approved the "Office" designator for SAFSP. To test this statement, Colonel Yost included the paragraph which appears (redlined) in his memorandum of July 28, 1969 to Dr. McLucas (TAB D). We also asked [redacted] to direct Dr. McLucas' attention to the paragraph.

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As you know, Dr. McLucas signed the procurement delegation authority without change to the "Office of Special Projects designation. [redacted] reported that Dr. McLucas had "no strong feeling one way or the other on the wording". His action does serve, however, to resolve the question of wording in SAF Order 116.1 and a third version has been prepared for coordination. A proposed memorandum transmitting SAFSS concurrence is also included for your signature. These are attached at right.

Conclusion: The revised version at right will provide the changes requested by SAFSS and will be acceptable to SAFAA [redacted] General King will likely not interpose further objections to the wording.

Recommendation: That you sign the proposed memorandum to SAFAA and indicate concurrence on the draft SAFO 116.1.

[redacted]
Lt Colonel, USAF
Executive

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