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WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE NRO STAFF

April 12, 1974

NOTE FOR GENERAL KULPA

SUBJECT: Advanced Concepts Advisory Group

General Brown has established a special study group to study advanced concepts, strategies, and programs for development and employment of U.S. Air Forces during the next 15 years (information attached).

[redacted] of that group has tried recently to talk to you about the group's charter and his desire to have the group briefed on NRO systems.

We have checked through Exec channels with the Chief's Office via Colonel Kutyna. It apparently was not General Brown's intent to involve NRO systems at the BYEMAN level.

At our suggestion [redacted] contacted General Stelling's office to arrange for briefings on systems under AF/RDS cognizance. The briefing was given on April 10.

Colonel Wheeler and I met with [redacted] on April 11. He explained that his interest in our systems relates to their role in supporting the tactical forces and missions. We encouraged him to work through AF/IN to obtain most of his information at the SI/TK level. For that information relating to future systems capabilities to meet future requirements, we asked that he contact us. He agreed.

There appears to be no further action required at this time. Any subsequent contacts can be handled on an ad hoc basis. [redacted] understood our organizational position vis-a-vis the HQ USAF and our being a national asset. If he runs into any problems regarding our systems he will be back to see us.

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Captain, USAF

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## CHARTER

for

## THE ADVANCED CONCEPTS ADVISORY GROUP

Directorate of Doctrine, Concepts and Objectives  
DCS/P&O, Hq USAF

I. RESPONSIBILITIES

General: To investigate and advise the CSAF on matters pertaining to the future development and employment of U.S. Air Force forces in support of national policies.

II. FUNCTIONS

A. The Group will explore advanced concepts, strategies, and programs for development and employment of U.S. air forces, with the central aim of assuring the Air Force makes full use of available technical and human resources in support of national policy.

B. Areas of inquiry will be uninhibited and may cover the near to long term (out to 15 or more years), and broad to specific airpower concepts to include, inter alia, roles, missions, forces, strategy, tactics, manpower, organization, and logistics.

C. Members of the Group may pursue independent research or function as a research team, or teams, should this method be dictated by a particular area of interest. In any case, members of the Group, in pursuit of objectives, will not be

constrained in their thinking by current Air Force policy or budget decisions. The basic intent is to retain an atmosphere conducive to advanced thought.

D. As a general rule, research products of the Group should be framed in terms relevant to further study and/or future possible implementation.

E. Members of the Group will be provided the broadest accessibility to the Chief of Staff, Major Commanders, the Air Staff and other sources of information such as the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Directorate of Defense Research and Engineering, Advanced Research Projects Agency, and similar activities.

F. The Group members will be prepared to present the results of their efforts in written and briefing form to the Chief of Staff, USAF, and others as designated by CSAF.

### III. ORGANIZATION

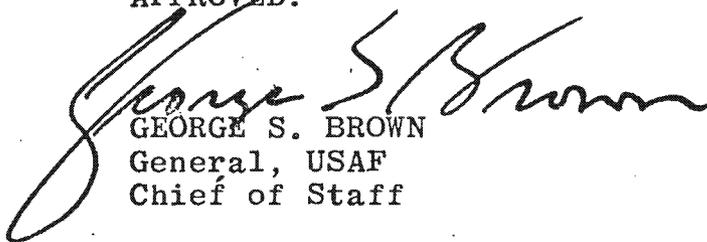
A. The Group shall consist of six officers selected according to following criteria. The officers shall generally be O-6s or O-5s, although exceptions to this rule may be made. Civilians of appropriate grades may be selected for the Group, as approved by the Chief of Staff.

B. The Group shall function under the cognizance of CSAF and DCS/P&O, with AF/XOD functioning as the Executive Agent.

Individuals selected for the Group will be assigned to AF/XOD for administrative management.

C. The Executive Agent will provide overall management of the Group, help focus research efforts as appropriate, and serve as a focal point for liaison between the Group, other Air Force activities, government or civilian agencies as appropriate, DCS/P&O, and CSAF.

APPROVED:



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