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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: The National Reconnaissance Program Satellite
Contingency Coordination Group (NRP SCCG),
formerly the National Reconnaissance Program
Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee
NRP ICPC)

Since the transfer of Project IDEALIST assets from the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) to the Air Force on 1 August terminated NRP air vehicle operations, contingency planning and interdepartmental coordination for air vehicle operations over denied or sensitive areas is the responsibility of the Joint Reconnaissance Center, J-3, JCS. Responsibility for NRP satellite contingency planning remains with the NRP Satellite Contingency Coordination Group (SCCG), formerly the NRP Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee, and responsibilities and membership are as outlined in the attachment.

1 Attachment NRP SCCG BYE-13183-74

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## 1. The Committee:

The NRP SCCG (National Reconnaissance Program Satellite Contingency Coordination Group) is established to provide and insure a fully coordinated U.S. Government response to contingencies relating to NRP operations. The members represent their principals and, in turn, insure that their principals and other appropriate U.S. Government officials are appropriately informed of NRP contingency matters. The members also insure that those reconnaissance operations which are not part of the NRP, but which could cause international incidents adversely affecting the satellite operations of the NRP, are brought to the attention of the NRP SCCG, as necessary.

The NRP SCCG membership is as follows:

Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Chairman

Deputy Director for Collection and Surveillance, DIA

Director of the Office of Development and Engineering, DDS&T, CIA

Deputy Director for Coordination, Bureau of Intelligence & Research, Department of State

Director, NRO Staff

Deputy Director for Operations (Reconnaissance & Electronic Warfare) J-3, JCS

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Advisors to the SCCG are:

Assistant Secretary of Defence (Public Affairs) Director, Office of Information (SAFOI) Assistant for Security, NRO Staff

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## 2. The NRP SCCG Secretariat:

The Secretariat of the SCCG responds to the needs of the Chairman, Members and NRP Program Offices in effecting coordination for obtaining consideration and approval of all NRP contingency plans. It insures, on behalf of the Chairman, that contingency plans have been prepared, considered, and approved by the SCCG for all NRP operations. The Secretariat provides for periodic review of all NRP contingency plans so that their adequacy in light of current circumstances can be properly assessed.

The Secretariat prepares agenda and minutes of all meetings of the SCCG, maintains for the Chairman a complete dossier of all correspondence relating to Committee consideration and approval of contingency plans, and performs other items of general SCCG business. Additionally, the Secretariat insures that the Chairman, Members, and responsible Program Offices are kept fully informed on matters relating to the business of the SCCG.

The Secretariat is composed of:

Deputy Director for Plans and Policy, NRO Staff Assistant Deputy Director for Plans and Policy, NRO Staff

## 3. The SCCG Working Group:

In the event of a contingency incident, the SCCG Working Group will closely monitor all events and actions to insure that the contingency plan is adequate to the particular event. If it is not adequate, they will advise the DNRO immediately and recommend appropriate further action.

• The Working Group will be responsive to the DNRO in the vent of a contingency incident, and, when interdepartmental coordination or cooperation is required, the Working Group members will take such action.

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In the event of a contingency incident, the Working Group will maintain a complete dossier of the matter for the DNRO. Additionally, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the Working Group will insure that the Chairman, SCCG Members, responsible Program Offices, and other United States Government officials are kept informed regarding contingency incidents.

At the conclusion of a contingency incident, the Working Group will review existing contingency plans in light of the experience gained and will recommend to the SCCG and the DNRO such changes as are appropriate. At the direction of the SCCG or the DNRO, the Working Group will assist in the preparation of new or revised NRP contingency plans.

The Working Group is composed of representatives appointed by each of the Committee Members and Advisors.

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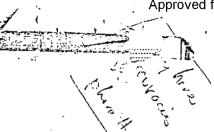
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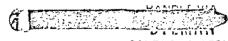
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The ICPC has provided a mechanism for establishment and coordination of cover stories for air vehicle operations, public responses to be used in the event of air vehicle and satellite contingencies, and policies regarding defensive satellite coorbital maneuvers. Action has been taken to transfer responsibility for all air vehicle contingency planning to the JCS.

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