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MEMORANDUM FOR INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING
COMMITTEE (ICPC)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, CIA

SUBJECT: ICPC Responsibilities, Title, and Membership

Since the transfer of Project IDEALIST U-2 assets to the Strategic Air Command terminated NRO air vehicle operations, I plan to propose to the Deputy Secretary of Defense that the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) ICPC responsibilities be modified by terminating responsibility for contingency planning and coordinating for air vehicle operations. Additionally, I am proposing that the name of the ICPC be changed to the Satellite Contingency Coordination Group (SCCG), and that the membership be modified by changing the NRO Staff Director from Executive Secretary to a member, changing the CIA member from the Director, Office of Special Activities to the Director, Office of Development and Engineering, changing the Assistant for Security from the Secretariat to an advisor, transferring the Secretariat responsibilities within the NRO Staff, and expanding the Working Group to include a representative of each member and advisor.

Request your coordination on the attached proposed memorandum for the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

J. W. Plummer
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Proposed Memo to DepSecDef
(BYE-13182-74) w/2 Atch
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee
(ICPC) Responsibilities, Title and Membership

As Chairman of the Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee (ICPC) the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office is responsible for insuring that a fully coordinated U.S. Government response is available in the event of contingencies related to satellite or air vehicle overflight of denied areas. Since transfer of IDEALIST U-2 assets to the Strategic Air Command terminated NRP air operations, request your approval to revise the NRP ICPC organization and responsibilities to reflect this change.

The revision will include a change in the ICPC membership, and the deletion of responsibility for preparing and coordinating air vehicle contingency plans. I believe the air vehicle contingency plans should be the responsibility of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who now have operational responsibility for air vehicle reconnaissance operations. Contingency plans affected by such a change would be those pertaining to SAC SR-71, U-2, or drone operations over sensitive or denied areas.

Contingency planning responsibilities remaining with the NRP ICPC would be those related to NRP satellite operations, and would include events such as a Soviet coorbital intercept threat, and other undefined contingencies.

In order to more accurately reflect the revised responsibilities, as well as the functional nature of this body, it is proposed that the title be changed to the NRP Satellite Contingency Coordination Group (SCCG).

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These changes have been coordinated with the current ICPC members and advisors, and with Mr. Carl Duckett, Deputy Director, Science and Technology, CIA.

Recommend you approve for implementation the revised NRP ICPC responsibilities and membership outlined at Tab B.

J. W. Plummer

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- 1. The ICPC (BYE-12816-71), Tab A
- 2. The NRP SCCG - Draft (BYE-13183-74)
w/Cover Memo to JCS, DNRO
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29 November 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CONTINGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (ICPC)

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) Satellite
Contingency Plan

REFERENCE: Minutes of ICPC Meeting 14 June 1971 (BYE-12902-71).

Attached, for your guidance, is a copy of the NRP Satellite
Contingency Plan.

This plan supersedes that issued under BYE-12982-70. It has
been amended and approved by the Deputy Secretary of Defense in
accordance with the reference and now includes (a) policy and
procedures to follow in the event of a Soviet coorbital intercept threat
to one of our maneuverable photographic reconnaissance satellites,
and (b) appropriate press releases for use by the Department of
State with the concurrence of the Chairman of the ICPC should there
be official or unofficial publicity of an attempt by the Soviets to
interfere with NRP Satellites.

John L. McLucas
John L. McLucas

APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON
24 APRIL 1970 (BYE-12682-70)
AND, AS AMENDED, ON
19 JULY 1971 (BYE-12941-71)

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THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. The Committee:

The ICPC (Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee) has been established to provide and insure a fully coordinated U.S. Government response to contingencies relating to satellite or air vehicle overflight of denied areas. The Committee members represent their principals and, in turn, insure that their principals and other appropriate U.S. Government officials are appropriately informed of NRP (National Reconnaissance Program) contingency matters. The Committee members also insure that those reconnaissance operations which are not a part of the NRP, but which may cause international incidents adversely affecting the overflight operations of the NRP, are brought to the attention of the ICPC, as necessary.

The ICPC membership is as follows:

Dr. John L. McLucas, Chairman
Mr. P. Jessup

DNRO
White House
State

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Brig Gen Wendell L. Bevan, Jr., USAF
Rear Admiral James C. Donaldson, Jr., USN

CIA
JCS
DIA

(b)(3)

Advisors to the Committee are:

Maj Gen Henry L. Hogan, III, USAF

ASD/PA
SAFOI

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2. The ICPC Secretariat:

The Secretariat of the ICPC responds to the needs of the Chairman, Members, and NRP Offices in effecting coordination for obtaining Committee consideration and approval of all NRP contingency plans. It insures, on behalf of the Chairman,

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that contingency plans have been prepared, considered, and approved by the ICPC for all overhead reconnaissance 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 ICPC, 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 Committee business. Additionally, the Secretariat insures that the Chairman, Committee Members, and responsible Program Offices are kept fully informed on matters relating to the business of the Committee.

The Secretariat is composed of:

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| Col David D. Bradburn, USAF | NRO Staff |
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| Maj Raymond D. Rose, USAF | NRO Staff |

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3. The ICPC Working Group:

In the event of a contingency incident, the ICPC 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 event of a contingency incident, and, when interdepartmental coordination or cooperation is required, the members will be the ones to take such action.

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 ICPC Secretariat, the Working Group will insure that the Chairman, ICPC Members, responsible Program Offices, and other United States Government officials are kept informed regarding contingency incidents.

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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 ICPC and the DNRO such changes as are appropriate. At the direction of the ICPC or the DNRO, the Working Group will assist in the preparation of new or revised NRP contingency plans.

The Working Group is composed of:

[Redacted]

Lt Col Gordon Bass

[Redacted]

State

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