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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Interdepartmental  
Contingency Planning Committee, April 2, 1970

- References:
- a. Proposed SR-71 Reconnaissance Aircraft Contingency Plan (BYE 12680-70)
  - b. Proposed U-2 Reconnaissance Aircraft Contingency Plan (BYE 12681-70)
  - c. Proposed 147/154 Drone Contingency Plan (BYE 12678-70)
  - d. Proposed D-21 Drone Contingency Plan (BYE 12679-70)
  - e. Proposed Satellite Contingency Plan (BYE 12682-70)

A meeting of the NRP Interdepartmental Contingency Planning Committee, Dr. F. Robert Naka, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, presiding for the Chairman, was convened on April 2, 1970, at 2:30 p.m., to consider referenced proposed contingency plans. The following committee members and advisors were present:

Committee members:

Ambassador Wymberley DeR Coerr, State Department  
Mr. Frank M. Chapin, White House  
Brig General Donald H. Ross, CIA  
Brig General Ralph D. Steakley, JCS  
[Redacted], DIA

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Committee advisors:

Maj General Henry L. Hogan, III, SAFOI

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The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), Mr. Daniel Z. Henkin, was unable to attend. With this exception, all ICPC participating agencies and departments were represented.

The Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Dr. John L. McLucas, joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Naka informed Dr. McLucas of the committee action which had been taken in regard to references a. through d., above. Dr. McLucas approved the action, and the meeting continued with a discussion of the Satellite Contingency Plan.

It was the consensus that each of the proposed plans be approved with the following changes:

## a. SR-71 Reconnaissance Aircraft Contingency Plan

1. Delete paragraph III.B.
2. Change paragraph IV.A.1. to read: In the event that an operationally successful overflight results in formal protest or public denunciation, the initial U.S. Government response will be one of "no comment." News media queries will normally be referred to the Department of State.

3. Change paragraph V. to reflect the name of [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED] as the responsible individual to coordinate and implement the plan within DIA, and to reflect proper rank of Maj General Hogan.

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## b. U-2 Reconnaissance Aircraft Contingency Plan

1. Delete paragraph III.B.
2. Change paragraph III.D.2. to read: The USAF Strategic Air Command also maintains a fleet of six U-2R aircraft. Normally, one U-2R is deployed against the National and theater requirements in Southeast Asia and one against National requirements over the island of Cuba.

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3. Change paragraph V. to reflect the name of [ ] vice [ ] as the responsible individual to coordinate and implement the plan within DIA, and to reflect proper rank of Maj General Hogan.

c. 147/154 Drone Contingency Plan

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1. Delete paragraph III.B.

2. Change the last sentence of paragraph III.D. to read: All press inquiries regarding the drone reconnaissance program will be referred through appropriate channels to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), OASD/PA.

3. Change the first sentence of paragraph III.E. to read: The 147/154 drone reconnaissance program has been approved and directed with the objective of collecting photographic intelligence worldwide and is currently operating in Southeast Asia.

4. Change the seventh sentence of paragraph III.E. to read: Approval for resumption of overflights was granted October 12, 1969, subject to policy approval in advance, on a mission by mission basis.

5. Change the last sentence of paragraph III.E. to read: Southeast Asia objectives of the drone program are as follows:.

6. Change the first sentence in paragraph III.E.1. to read: Area of activity surveillance of North Vietnam and adjacent areas to obtain information for:.

7. Change paragraph III.E.2. to read: Expansion and updating of the intelligence data base as reflected by the Imagery Reconnaissance Objectives List (IROL).

8. Change paragraph IV.A.1. to read: In the event that an operationally successful overflight results in formal protest or public denunciation, the initial U.S. Government response will be one of "no comment." News media queries will normally be referred to the Department of State.

9. Change paragraph IV. A.2.b. to read: Acknowledging that, because of mechanical difficulties, an unarmed (experimental)(target)(reconnaissance) type drone had strayed from its scheduled flight path which was well outside of the protesting country's territorial boundaries.

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10. Change paragraph V. to reflect the name of [redacted] vice [redacted] as the responsible individual to coordinate and implement the plan within DIA, and to reflect proper rank of Maj General Hogan.

d. D-21 Drone Contingency Plan

1. Delete paragraph III.B.

2. Change paragraph IV.H.1. to read: In the event that an operationally successful overflight results in formal protest or public denunciation, the initial U.S. Government response will be one of "no comment." News media queries will normally be referred to the Department of State.

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3. Change paragraph IV.H.2.b. to read: Acknowledging that, because of mechanical or navigational difficulties, an unarmed (experimental)(target)(reconnaissance) drone had strayed from its scheduled flight path which was well outside of the protesting country's territorial boundaries.

4. Change paragraph V. to reflect the name of [redacted] vice [redacted] as the responsible individual to coordinate and implement the plan within DIA, and to reflect proper rank of Maj General Hogan.

e. Satellite Contingency Plan

1. Add the following as a third sentence to the first paragraph on Page 1, Tab 1: 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.

2. Change Tab 1 to reflect the name of [redacted] vice [redacted] as an ICPC member, and to reflect the name of [redacted] vice [redacted] as a member of the working group. Also change Tab 1 to reflect proper rank of Maj General Hogan.

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During the meeting a question arose as to the necessity of eliminating internal manufacturing plates showing U.S. origin of drones lost in mainland China. The committee members were in general agreement that, even though such drones were readily identifiable by other means, the manufacturing plates were a convenient propaganda device to be exploited by the

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Communist Chinese; consequently, all such drones should be suitably sanitized if it is economically feasible to do so. General Steakley accepted the matter as an action item to be reported on to the Chairman at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



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