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NRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held 26 April 1966
Office of Deputy Secretary of Defense
Room 3E 928, The Pentagon

Members Present

Mr. Cyrus R. Vance	Deputy Secretary of Defense
Admiral William F. Raborn	Director of Central Intelligence
Dr. Donald F. Hornig	Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology
Dr. Alexander M. Flax	Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Ex Officio
Mr. James Q. Reber	Secretary, NRP Executive Committee Ex Officio

Others Present

Dr. John S. Foster, Jr.	DDR&E
Mr. Huntington D. Sheldon	CIA
Mr. John A. Bross	CIA
Mr. John J. Crowley	CIA
Dr. Donald Steininger	PSAC Staff
Brig. Gen. James T. Stewart	Director, NRO Staff

New Search and Surveillance Satellite System

Ref: BYE-52224-66 of 22 April 1966

1. Mr. Vance proposed at the outset that, after such discussion and briefing as was necessary, Admiral Raborn, Dr. Hornig, and he meet in Executive Session to make the decisions required. Admiral Raborn and Dr. Hornig agreed.

2. In introducing this item, Dr. Flax alluded to the reference paper which had been distributed. He said that he had nothing to add to it unless there were questions.

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3. Admiral Raborn made available a memorandum which indicated that he had only one major recommendation to make on the proposed management plan for the new system, namely, that the subsystem definition be modified to assign to CIA the responsibility for the structure which enclosed the sensor subsystem, as well as the responsibility for development, production, and integration of the stellar index camera. His note included specific language to accomplish the foregoing. He called upon Mr. Crowley to present the reasoning for the proposal. The essence of Mr. Crowley's briefing was that such an assignment of responsibility was critical in the following areas: optical, film path, structural dynamics, and thermal--the latter two being highly critical. He explained that the proposed modification of the subsystem definition would reduce the amount of interagency interface and thereby markedly improve the possibilities of satisfactory performance within the time limits of the program.

4. Prior to the adjournment of this question for consideration in Executive Session, Mr. Sheldon suggested that there be further discussion on possible difficulties which the CIA Security Office felt pertained to the procedure for handling security in the HEXAGON program. The specific point alluded to concerned the procedure whereby both the SAFSP and CIA Project Offices were authorized to grant HEXAGON clearances and each was bound to honor without question such need-to-know determination on the part of the other. Dr. Flax commented that his objective in this proposal was to eliminate the use of security as a means of frustrating the legitimate access to information, an objective with which the ExCom agreed. Mr. Sheldon and Dr. Flax will pursue this problem further.

5. Subsequent to the meeting of the three principals in Executive Session, the Deputy Secretary of Defense advised the DNRO that the Executive Committee had approved his HEXAGON program proposal as submitted.

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6. This item was approved with the understanding that the assignment of the DISIC procurement responsibility to the SAFSP would carry with it the instruction that there should be no change in the specifications without the concurrence of the CIA Payload Subassembly Project Office.

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ADIC 9811 AND ADIC 9869

PART I

THE DNRO HAS APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF TWO ESTABLISHED CONTRACTS ASSOCIATED WITH HEXAGON FROM SAFEP TO CIA ON THE DATE THE HEXAGON REF IS ISSUED.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY SAFEP INCLUDE:

1. TERMINATE THE 2145 CONTRACT ON THE DAY THE CIA FORMERLY ISSUES RFP TO ITEK.
2. PROVIDE A LIST OF THE ITEK PERSONNEL CLEARLY 2-2 MONTHS BEFORE SOON AS POSSIBLE.
3. FURNISH THE CIA A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2145 CONTRACT.
4. FURNISH THE CIA A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CATERING PROVIDED BY THE INDOCTRINATION GIVEN TO THE ITEK PERSONNEL.
5. FURNISH THE CIA A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE RFP OF SECURITY CLEARANCE ACTIONS TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE PERSONNEL PROVIDED CLEARANCES.

PART II

CIA WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRACTUAL CONTROL OF HEXAGON EFFORT AT ITEK ON THE DATE THE HEXAGON REF IS ISSUED. IN ADDITION CIA-OSP IS REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE THAT HE AND ITEK ARE CONTRACTUALLY COVERED DURING THE COMPETITION PERIOD. THE EXISTING TEAMS OF ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS ARE PRESERVED IN CASE, IN ADDITION, ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND EXPERIMENTATION WORK CONTINUED. BOTH CONTRACTORS WILL BE CONTINUED AT APPROXIMATELY THE PRESENT LEVEL OF EFFORT TO SUPPORT EXPEDITIOUS INITIATION OF GAMMA DEVELOPMENT WHEN THE WINNING CONTRACTOR IS SELECTED.

PART III

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO PRECLUDE ANY INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND EXPERIMENTATION ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE TERMINATION OF THE SAFEP CONTRACT. THE SIMULTANEOUS INITIATION OF A SIMILAR CONTRACT UNDER THE CONTROL OF CIA-OSP. THE RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTING OFFICERS FROM EACH CONTRACT

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SHOULD MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES OF IMPLEMENTING
THE FOREGOING DIRECTION. CIA-OSP RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE LEVEL OF EFFORT
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PRIORITY WHIG CITE ADIC 9811 (DATED 10 MAY 1966)

FOR: D/MCO

FROM: CHAIRMAN, SENSOR SUBSYSTEM SOURCE SELECTION BOARD

1. WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT ITEK AND PE WILL BE AMONG THE CONTRACTORS SELECTED TO RECEIVED THE RFP FOR THE HEXAGON SENSOR SUBSYSTEM, THE SOURCE SELECTION BOARD HAS ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM OF CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND THE SUBSEQUENT EVALUATION PERIOD.

2. THE SOURCE SELECTION BOARD HAS REACHED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. AT THE RELEASE OF THE HEXAGON SENSOR SUBSYSTEM RFP, SAFSP SHOULD TERMINATE ALL EFFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH HEXAGON AT ITEK.

B. OSP/CIA SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE THAT BOTH PE AND ITEK ARE CONTRACTUALLY COVERED DURING THE PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBSEQUENT EVALUATION PHASE SO THAT THE EXISTING TEAMS OF ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS REMAINS INTACT.

C. ONE OF THE DELIVERABLES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ABOVE EFFORT WILL BE A PROPOSAL. IN ADDITION, ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND EXPERIMENTATION NOW UNDERWAY AT BOTH CONTRACTORS WILL BE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT AN EXPEDITIOUS INITIATION OF CAMERA DEVELOPMENT AT THE SELECTED CONTRACTOR.

3. THE BOARD ALSO CALLS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO PRECLUDE ANY INTERFERENCE WITH ITEK PROPOSAL PREPARATION RESULTING FROM THE TERMINATION OF THE SAFSP CONTRACT AND THE SIMULTANEOUS INITIATION OF A SIMILAR CONTRACT UNDER THE COGNIZANCE OF OSP/CIA. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SOP/CIA AND THE SAFSP CONTRACTING OFFICERS BE DIRECTED TO WORK OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE CONTRACTUAL METHODS OF IMPLEMENTING THE FOREGOING IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE EFFECTED UPON ISSUANCE OF THE RFP.

PRIORITY WHIG CITE ADIC 9865 (DATED 11 MAY 1966)

TO DR. FLAX FROM MR. SHELDON

REFERENCE: ADIC 9811 SENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, SENSOR SUBSYSTEM
SOURCE SELECTION BOARD

WE CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SOURCE SELECTION BOARD AS NOTED IN REFERENCE. IN ASSUMING CONTRACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ITEK EFFORT, WE REQUEST

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