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4 April 1969

The Honorable Robert P. Mayo, Director  
Bureau of the Budget  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I have devoted careful attention to your letter of 22 March concerning HEXAGON, and am struck by the apparent existence of important differences on essentially factual issues between representatives of the intelligence community and of the Bureau of the Budget. Marked disparities occur with respect to cost data, requirements for certain kinds of intelligence, the coverage provided by existing systems and the results anticipated from HEXAGON.

These differences prompt me to endorse your suggestion that our respective staffs review the conclusions contained in the attachment to your letter. I have asked John Bress to get in touch with Jim Clark for this purpose.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms

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