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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

ATTENTION : [redacted]

SUBJECT : Funding for Project FULCRUM

REFERENCES : A. BYE-23496-64, 7 December 1964
Subject: Third Quarter FY-64 Fund Releases

B. BYE-0163-64, 2 July 1964
Subject: Funding for Project FULCRUM

1. As you have noted in your reference memorandum, the funding arrangement for Project FULCRUM has not been finalized. I would like to take this opportunity to do so, as well as obtain from you the necessary obligation authority against NRO funds. As you are aware, the FULCRUM program and its funding has been the subject of conversations between the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence. During the month of August they agreed that the Agency would contract for the FULCRUM effort and then seek funding from the NRO. The figure quoted was $4.5 million which does not include $850,000 of CIA funds used on the project in FY 1964.

2. I believe that the project has progressed far enough at this point that we can state with a fair amount of assurance that the program will cost $4.5 million in FY 1965. The program is going ahead essentially as outlined in Reference B, and I understand NRO officials have been briefed periodically on progress - the most recent briefing having occurred on 4 December.

3. As indicated in my conversation with you, obligations for FULCRUM have been incurred by the Agency against an anticipated NRO advance up to $4.5 million. Accordingly, I would like to arrange with you for the funding to meet the FULCRUM obligations, which total $3.5 million through the month of December and the remaining $1 million to be obligated in January 1965. More detailed obligation data can be made available to you if desired. I suggest we use the same procedures now in use with Program B to accommodate the FULCRUM advance. I have attached herewith a Form 1080 to cover required funding.

John M. Clarke
Director of Budget,
Program Analysis and
Manpower

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