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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

June 25, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

General Carter and I today discussed, among other things, the conduct of further studies of FULCRUM. I agreed to the following:

1. CIA funds to the extent of about \$800,000 can be obligated in FY 64 to conduct tests at ITEK of an engineering model of the critical film-transport mechanism.

2. This test program will be conducted under the aegis of the NRO.

3. An individual in the CIA will be identified as responsible for these tests, and responsible to DNRO for them.

4. DNRO will be kept fully informed about the conduct and progress of the tests.

5. In order to obligate the money during FY 64, the contract may be initiated by a letter of intent. DNRO will review the work statement of the definitive contract before it is signed.

6. This management arrangement does not commit DNRO or the CIA in connection with any final development program that may be initiated for a new general search system.

7. In the event that the FULCRUM concept is approved for development other than under CIA auspices, the CIA funds expended on these tests will be reimbursed by NRO.

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During a discussion of the technical and operational unknowns of the FULCRUM concept, General Carter stated that the DCI was planning to have the concept reviewed by an outside committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Land. I said that I would like to call Dr. Land and arrange with him to have this committee informed about the alternative concepts now under study that could also accomplish the FULCRUM mission. Later in the morning Dr. Land called me and said that his committee was about to begin its meeting.

The assignment to Aerospace Corporation of responsibility for systems engineering on CORONA was discussed. I told General Carter that, in addition to the changes in wording required in several contracts to recognize this new assignment, it would be necessary to discontinue SE 1928 and replace it with a contractual obligation of somewhat different scope. I noted that during FY 63, the equivalent of SE 1928 had been held by SAFSP as an Air Force contract. I stated that the Program B contracting office should not negotiate an extension of SE1928, but that the necessary contractual coverage would be provided by SAFSP either under an Air Force black contract or under a black annex to an existing Air Force contract.

I informed General Carter that a new Director, NRO staff, would soon be named.



BROCKWAY McMILLAN

Director

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cc - General Carter

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