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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

10 Sep 73

S. [redacted] :

This letter was received in SAFSS at 11:45, 10 Sep. It had been routed thru Chief of Staff channels.

In view of the delay in receipt and the possibility of extensive research and coordination being required, please keep 4/c Kutyna advised of the status of response.

ELMER T. BROOKS
Lt Colonel USAF
Executive
Office of Space Systems

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DR. M'CLUCAS ASKED ABOUT
THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN THIS
LETTER THIS MORNING. I TASKED
COL BAILEY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS,
BUT WITHOUT BEING AWARE OF THIS
LETTER. THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT
REGARDLESS OF WHO IS TASKED FOR
THE RESPONSE, COL BAILEY BE
GIVEN AN INFO COPY.


Lt Colonel, USAF
Executive Assistant



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

INTELLIGENCE

31 August 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Special Reconnaissance Activities (U)

In line with our conversation at breakfast this morning, I believe it would be helpful to look in some detail at consolidation alternatives for Air Force and CIA special reconnaissance aircraft with the object of obtaining management efficiencies and other cost savings.

Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you could have some alternatives developed which might offer economies in the management of such programs. It would be particularly interesting to review alternatives for the consolidation of all SR-71, OXCART, and U-2 activities, and alternatives which compare contract and "blue suit" maintenance options. It may also be useful to explore the notion of consolidating drone operations with these manned assets.

It would be helpful if a preliminary report of the analysis and tentative alternatives were available by 15 November and a final report, to include recommendations, by 15 December.

If you wish, I would be happy to provide an individual from my staff to participate in the analysis effort.

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