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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D C. 20301

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Management and Use of U-2R Aircraft

In order to more fully support critical U-2R aircraft requirements, I have asked the Director of Central Intelligence to transfer the four U-2R's under CIA control to the Air Force where they will become part of a centrally managed fleet. Such action will, of course, only be possible if the 40 Committee agrees to terminate the IDEALIST Program.

As a related action, I am directing that the Air Force make available to the Navy, on a loan basis, two U-2R aircraft to satisfy important new Navy requirements. These aircraft should be transferred no later than 1 February 1974 and returned no later than 31 July 1977. This action is contingent upon 40 Committee approval to terminate the IDEALIST Program and subsequent consolidation of the U-2R fleet under centralized management of the Air Force.

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