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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. HALL, ASD(I)

SUBJECT: Battlefield ELINT Study

Subsequent to my first memorandum to you on this subject (12842-73, May 29, 1973), the NRO Staff has had further discussion with your staff. Based on this, I propose that the study be administratively managed as outlined herein.

The first part of the contract, which deals with the analysis of a specific battlefield scenario, could best be handled as a non-[REDACTED] effort. This would make the study most useful for proposing alternate solutions to the use of satellite ELINT collectors--such as remotely piloted vehicles. While we would be interested in this first phase effort, the NRO would not need to be involved in the contracting aspects of the study and I urge that your staff proceed on this basis.

Assuming that the first phase study leads to the conclusion that further analysis specifically oriented toward requirements for a satellite ELINT collector is warranted, we will certainly support your office through a [REDACTED] study contract. The NRO would retain the responsibility for this contract, and technical management would be accomplished in consultation with your office. You should inform us when to begin planning for a second phase contract, and you should also initiate a Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request to transfer funds at the appropriate time.

John L. McLucas

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

With the understanding that a Phase I, non-compartmented contract on the subject of Battlefield Surveillance (ELINT Intercept of Land-based Emitters) shall be issued to [REDACTED] the undersigned agree that a Phase II compartmented contract may be in order and that:

- The contract will be supported by funds from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) which will be transferred to the NRO.

- Technical management will be accomplished by designated technical representatives from the NRO or a designated NRO program office. The ASD(I) will provide technical consultants with the NRO responsible for this program.

- Contract managers shall endeavor to guide the contract toward the goals specified in the Work Statement (Attachment "A") if the Phase I study indicates that this is a prudent course of action.

- The contracting officer for the Phase II study will be a member of, and contract negotiations and services will be accomplished through, an NRO program office.

- All [REDACTED] material required by the contractor for the Phase II study will be released through normal NRO channels.

- The [REDACTED] reference material specified in the contractor's proposal will be provided by the NRO.

- It is understood that studies which incorporate satellite reconnaissance technology for Battlefield Surveillance will be accomplished under the aegis of the DNRO.

(NRO Representative)

(ASD(I) Representative)