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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

December 1, 1964

Dear Pat,

Your proposed draft memorandum of agreement on the CORONA program has been reviewed. Attached is a proposed redraft for your consideration. After you have had an opportunity to review the amendments I have made, I suggest we get together again.

Sincerely,

Signed
Brockway McMillan
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

Attachment

Lt General Marshall S. Carter
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

1. This agreement between Director, NRO, and the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence is based on policy guidance from the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. In order to focus and strengthen the participation of the Central Intelligence Agency and the overall management of the CORONA program, the following policy decisions are effective at once:

a. A single authoritative program manager for CORONA is in the national interest and this manager is General Greer.

b. General Greer, the CORONA program manager, exercises overall technical and operational direction of the program and is responsible to the DNRO for its successful prosecution. The DNRO is responsible to the Secretary of Defense as the Executive Agent for the NRP and to the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence as set forth in the DOD-CIA Agreement dated 13 March 1962.

c. All Director, Program B activities in CORONA, including security and contracting, will be consolidated under Mr. Crowley who in turn is responsible to General Greer. Mr. Crowley will be physically stationed with General Greer at El Segundo, California.

d. [REDACTED] will provide systems engineering for the program in accordance with current contracts amended as provided for [REDACTED] dated 17 August 1964.

e. A CORONA Advisory Committee reporting to General Greer will be established. Mr. Crowley will be a member of this committee with responsibility for providing advice and assistance on the technical aspects of the payload.

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f. The LMSC (A/P) facility at Palo Alto, its personnel and its functions, remains a Director, Program B activity and reports to Mr. Crowley and is responsible to General Greer through him.

g. General Greer, the CORONA program manager, is responsible for all technical decisions during pre-launch, launch, on-orbit, and recovery phases of mission execution. Operational communications procedures and mission responsibilities as outlined in [redacted] dated 30 November 1964 will be followed. It is reaffirmed that the [redacted] Satellite Operations Center is responsible for intelligence targeting and mission programming and that General Greer has the authority for early mission termination or interruptions only in emergencies in which technical considerations threaten the successful completion of the mission.

h. Mr. Crowley will provide a centralized point of contact for the payload contractors, LMSC (A/P), GE (R/V), and Itek on all matters pertaining to their contracts. This includes contracting, security, and implementation of technical directives as approved by General Greer. This relationship will govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for payload improvement and the issuance of new directives.

i. The systems integration contract with LMSC (A/P) will continue to be a Director, Program B contract under Mr. Crowley as it is an integral part of the CORONA activity at this facility.

j. Required funds to support Director, Program B contracts will continue to be included in the Director, Program A portion of the NRO budget and funding procedures will continue as presently established by the NRO Comptroller.

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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2. In order to focus and strengthen the participation of the Central Intelligence Agency in the CORONA program, the following policy decisions are effective at once:

a. A single authoritative program manager for CORONA is in the national interest and this manager is General Greer.

b. The program manager exercises over-all technical direction of the program and is responsible to the DNRO for its successful prosecution, who is in turn responsible to the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense.

c. All CIA activities in CORONA, including security and contracting, will come to a focus in CIA's Mr. Crowley who in turn is responsible to General Greer.

d. [REDACTED] will provide systems engineering for the program in accordance with current contracts.

e. A CORONA payload Advisory Committee reporting to General Greer will replace the old Payload Configuration Control Board. The Chairman will be Mr. Crowley.

f. The AP facility at Palo Alto, its personnel and functions remains a CIA activity and reports to Mr. Crowley, and is responsible to General Greer through him.

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g. The camera programming function performed at the AP facility will continue to be directly responsive to the Satellite Operations Center of the NRO for target requirements, as it always has been.

h. Mr. Crowley will provide a single point of contact for the payload contractors, Lockheed, GE and ITEK, on all matters pertaining to their contracts. This includes contracting, security, and technical direction, subject to the final approval of General Greer. This relationship would govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for payload improvement and the issuance of new directives.

i. The systems integration contract with Lockheed [REDACTED] will continue to be a CIA contract under Mr. Crowley, as it is an integral part of the activity at the AP facility.

j. Required funds to support CIA contracts will be included in the CIA portion of the NRO budget.

k. Mr. Crowley will be the project manager for the CORONA Payload reporting directly to General Greer, in parallel with Colonel Herran, who will be project manager for the remainder of the system (i. e., THOR, AGENA, LAUNCH, etc.).

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