December 10 1963

MORGRANDEM TO DERECTOR, 1800 STAFF.

SUBJECT: Advanced Planning for the MEP

I desire to establish within the MO Staff a focus of responsibility for Staff functions in support of advanced planning for the MR. You are hereby directed to establish the Office of Deputy Director, MO Staff, for Advanced Planning The responsibilities and functions of that office will include those outlined below.

It is my intention that this be a small office, manned by people of the highest qualifications we can ecomond. I seek your recommendations in detail as to the initial organization of the office, and your nominations as to its staffing.

Under the Director, 180 Staff, the primary responsibilities of this office will be:

- 1. To assist the DERO to plan and execute a program of research, of study, and of development for components and systems to support the gathering of image and signal intelligence by overflight of denied territory;
- 2. To insure that the MEO employs all resources evallable to it, each to its best usefulness, in support of this plainting function;
- 3. To insure that decisions by 2000 to undertake new developments are made in the light of the best available knowledge of technical possibilities and requirements, and are made against criteria which fully reflect both matienal policy and the need to make efficient and economical use of all resources;

Control System

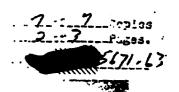
TOTALTO FROM AUTOMATIC REGRADING;

TOP SECRET

Page ____of ____Page _____

- 4. To maintain a current analysis of the status of applicable technical knowledge and of the status of all significant relevant studies, research, and development activities that are conducted by the NRO, by elements of the DOD and the CIA not normally considered part of the NRO, or by other agencies from which information may be available;
- 5. To maintain a current projection of the technical requirements that may be expected to govern the development of future systems for gathering intelligence by overflight of danied areas;
- 6. To maintain a current analysis of the technical requirements imposed by the needs of the intelligence community upon systems in current use in the MRP;
- 7. To maintain a current analysis of the performance of current systems against existing and projected technical requirements, and of the technical problems encountered by these systems;
- 8. To analyze for DMRO the plans and programs of the MRO Program Directors and review and analyze such proposals for new studies or developments as may be submitted to DMRO;
- 9. To conduct such other studies and analyses as DERO.
 may direct;
- 10. To recommend to DMRO such plans and actions as are found necessary to improve the quality and economy of the MRP, and to improve its responsiveness to national needs.

As these responsibilities indicate, this is to be a Staff office, to assist in guiding and planning, but not responsible for conducting, the research and development program. Responsibility for specific tasks in the conduct of the program will continue to be assigned by DARO to appropriate Program Directors of other agencies.

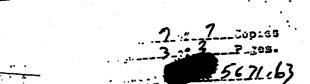


The Advanced Planning Office must be staffed by people capable of making the basic analyses required. Mormally, however, the execution of planning studies calling for significant effort will be assigned by DMRO as tasks to appropriate Program Directors or to other agencies, under guidance approved by DMRO.

The existence of this Advanced Planning Office at Staff level does not imply an exclusive responsibility for such planning. Program Directors will continue to be responsible for advanced planning in connection with their assigned programs. Creative and imaginative thinking toward the future is encouraged in all elements of the MRO and within the related elements of industry. It is my intention that the Advanced Planning Office assist DMRO in the recognition and pursuit of promising lines of inquiry, and that it not assume the function of initiating all inquiries itself.

Simea

Brockway McMillan Director National Reconnaissance Office



	8.4	708		M Dec 63	PLE SEMBLEMENT	6071-	65
SAPSD 10 SASE 70							
	SAFED		10	9436		SATE	
				<u> </u>	 	-	<u> </u>
Y DISPATCHED				-	 	-	
EMPT		HTID Gallacte trate Gatter, Jackson		I and the number of	capies subject, abo	t this if classified; we	where of Indonesia
Analos		er identifying data, Changes to the desc		o (addition, while	much, etc.) will be t	bours with the date and	i initials of Individual
			٠.				
		pg memo from Dr. M	4 -1	Allen to Ga	n Mertin, s	mbi: APRNR	D
	. •-	he messo most pr. w	_		, _		•
		Gen-Martin SS-1 4	1.		•		
	T.	Gen Martin 33					
	3.					_	
	3.		~			•	
	4.			• •			
	5.	The Illinois					
	6.	55-1					
	7.	55-1					
T	Rec	ipient will FIRST DETACE	нт	OP COPY, the	na complete, an	d return to send	er.
.	RECEIVING OFFICE	TYPES OR PRINTED NAME, GRASE AND TITLE			SIGNATURE		DATE DECENTO
	MANAGEMENT OF SUR	11120 00 1000100 00000 00000 0000					1
1.						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1
ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ							
				*			

٠.