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MEMORANDUM FOR Dr. Albert D. Wheelon, CIA

I have given further consideration to the several points you brought up in our 10 December discussion concerning information you believe required in your personal capacity as the designated CIA staff monitor of the NRO for the Director of Central Intelligence.

I believe that the simplest method of supplying routine status information is through the use of information copies of the wires through which almost all of our NRO project business is conducted. Accordingly, I have arranged for information copies of this traffic to be transmitted and marked for your attention. In addition, the NRO Staff will provide a daily wire report on the launch schedule status. The NRO Staff also will forward information copies of NRO documents marked for your attention. In the event that you require additional information, please direct your specific requests by wire to the NRO Staff attention.

I am revising my requirements for mission wrap-up information to include specific summary (wire) reports. Copies of these reports will also be forwarded for your information.

It seems to me that these steps will provide a rather complete information base for you to carry out your personal staff monitoring responsibilities. In addition, as I have noted previously, I expect to have discussions with you and Dr. Fubini on a regular basis.

If you feel that it is necessary, I am willing to consider a trial period whereby a member of the NRO Staff meets with you personally each week to provide any additional information which is not amenable to transmission by wire. However, your suggestion that this information be provided to your weekly staff meeting is contrary to paragraph V B of the 13 March DOD/CIA NRO Agreement. It is my understanding that the NRO role for which you and Dr. Fubini have been designated

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is a personal one, under the provisions of paragraph I C, and that the provisions of paragraph V B as to DOD and CIA staff participation and review remain unaffected by this action.

In order that I may keep Dr. Fubini equally informed, I believe that the NRO Staff should prepare a concise written summary of the information to be discussed with you by the NRO Staff member. To this end, I request that you notify the Staff by wire of your specific information desires sufficiently in advance of the meeting to allow time to prepare the desired information.

signed

Brockway McMillan
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

cc: Dr. Fubini



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