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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (POLICY)

SUBJECT: Implementation of Executive Order 12036

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum, same subject, 9 June 1978,  
[REDACTED] 066135/78

The NRO has reviewed the three draft DOD Directives forwarded with the referenced memorandum. Our comments on the directives dealing with [REDACTED] and TALENT-KEYHOLE control systems are attached. The proposed directive on [REDACTED] the NRO is still in work and will be forwarded in the very near future.

Our comments on the control systems directives relate to the responsibilities for establishing and conducting security policy. The draft directives in some areas do not reflect the currently established policies and could be construed to be in conflict with other directives. For example, the [REDACTED] Control System Manual [REDACTED] 57000-66) and the 1965 DepSecDef/DCI Agreement on the NRP, both stipulate that the DCI shall provide security policy guidance for the National Reconnaissance Program. The [REDACTED] Control System Manual further stipulates that the DNRO shall have the responsibility for management of [REDACTED] control systems in accordance with security policy guidance provided by the DCI.

I believe that our recommended changes will clarify these responsibilities and ensure consistency with other security and management directives.

[REDACTED]  
Hans Mark

## 2 Attachments

1. Recommended Changes to S-5001.2
2. Recommended Changes to S-5210.51

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RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO DRAFT S-5001.2

(Changes in italics, page numbers keyed to DUSD (Policy) draft)

1. Page 1, para C. 1. Recommend the following phrase be added to the end of the paragraph: ". . . requirements *except in the case of the National Reconnaissance Program wherein the DCI provides security policy directly to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office (DNRO).*"

Rationale: This qualifying phrase is necessary to reflect currently established security responsibilities. This change more accurately reflects the DNRO's special relationship and responsibilities to the DCI as well as the origin of security authority.

2. Page 3, para C. 4. a. Recommend this paragraph be changed as follows: "*Generate NRP security directives and administer the TALENT-KEYHOLE Control System within the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) in accordance with guidance from the Director of Central Intelligence.*"

Rationale: Accuracy. This change more accurately describes the DNRO's special relationship and responsibilities to the DCI as well as the origin of security responsibility.

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RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO DRAFT S-5210.51

(Changes in italics, page numbers keyed to DUSP (Policy) draft)

1. Page 1, para C.1. Recommend the following phrase be added to the end of the paragraph: "...requirements *except in the case of the National Reconnaissance Program wherein the DCI provides security policy guidance directly to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office (DNRO).*"

Rationale: This qualifying phrase is necessary to reflect currently established security responsibilities. In accordance with the ~~Control System Manual~~ and the still operative 1965 DepSecDef/DCI agreement on the NRP, the responsibility for the operation of the ~~system~~ has been delegated directly from the DCI to the DNRO.

2. Page 3, para C.4.a. Recommend this paragraph be changed as follows: "*Generate NRP security directives and administer the ~~control system~~ within the National Reconnaissance (NRP) in accordance with guidance from the Director of Central Intelligence.*"

Rationale: Accuracy. This change more accurately describes the DNRO's special relationship and responsibilities to the DCI as well as the origin of security authority.

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