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Admiral I. C. Kidd
Chief of Naval Material
Room 218, Crystal Plaza 5
Washington, D. C. 20360

Dear Ike:

As you know, the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) is conducted and controlled within the Department of Defense under a management arrangement which serves not only to assure that the sensitive nature of the Program is protected, but also to assure that, as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), I am supported in a manner commensurate with the responsibilities assigned to me.

Rear Admiral (sel) Geiger has informed me of your intentions to reorganize certain elements of your Command and that [redacted]

I would request that as this change takes place, the functions and responsibilities that Rear Admiral (sel) Geiger holds under my appointment of him as Director, NRO Program C, be preserved. Fundamentally, these functions and responsibilities flow from the relationship under which he is directly and completely responsible to me, as DNRO, for central management of Program C within the Navy and to you and Admiral Zumwalt for interaction between the Navy and the NRO on all material matters affecting the National Reconnaissance Program or NRO operations.

This kind of relationship was most successfully and ef[redacted]
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I would greatly appreciate any comments or recommendations you might wish to offer, and I suggest that we discuss at an early date any problem you foresee.

Sincere[redacted]

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