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CONTROL SYSTEM

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

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NOTE FOR MR. SINGEL

SUBJECT: NRO Control of Aircraft Assets

You asked for a flow chart on the procedure which would be followed if NRO was not in the airplane business.

The "present situation" models are reflective of the procedures which would be followed depending upon the formal or ad hoc nature of the tasking. Only the uppermost segment of the first model which involves DCI, DDS&T and OSA would not apply.

In addition, the NRO would become disengaged from contingency planning. We, in fact, seem to be involved today in JRC support only because of experience and because the aircraft are considered to be quasi-covert. Under a normal operation, detailed cover-type contingency plans would not be needed and contingency planning would be uniquely operational, not security oriented.

Finally, processing would exclude the use of [REDACTED] be accomplished via agreement with the NRO as a reimbursed service only and subject to the schedule of satellite imagery processing. The latter option perhaps should be discouraged.

If you desire me to have Frank retool the master flow charts, I will. I think, however, that the models can be interpreted as they stand, accounting for the above considerations.

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