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SUBJECT: Organizational and Functional Changes to the NRO Staff

██████████████████████████former Scientific Advisor to the NRO,
was detailed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the
Air Force for Research and Development on 17 February 1974.
████████████NRO office subsequently has been dissolved.
██████████████████████████████████████ responsibilities
have been assumed by the Office of the Deputy Director for
Programs under Colonel Harold P. Wheeler.

     A new staff element, the Office of the Deputy Director
for Concepts and Applications, designated SAFSS-6, has been
established effective 4 March 1974. A copy of its charter is
attached. Colonel James R. Blankenship has been appointed to
head this office. The office will be composed of representa-
tives from each of the three services with the possible future
addition of representatives of non-services agencies/organi-
zations. It will function primarily in assisting all elements
of the NRO in developing a better understanding of the needs
for and the uses of the products. DOD tactical, as well as
national reconnaissance requirements will be addressed. How-
ever, the office is not intended to be competitive with or
duplicative of any other NRO element. Our hope is to
establish a close working relationship between this new
office and the NRP program offices and to engender the feel-
ing that the office exists to assist the program offices
whenever possible.

Primary responsibility for NRO program matters still rests with the Office of the Deputy Director for Programs, ▓▓▓▓▓ and for operational matters with the Deputy Director for Operations, SAFSS-4.

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1 Attachment
Charter