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THE NRO STAFF

26 March 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, COMMAND, CONTROL & SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM  
DIVISION (DAMA-CSC-SP), HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Assignment of Army Personnel to the National  
Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

References:

- a. Your memorandum, dated 10 January 1975,  
subject same as above.
- b. Our memorandum, dated 18 March 1975, subject:  
Replacement of Officer.

We appreciate your offer to help sustain the excellent contributions we have been receiving from the Army members of this integrated staff and, in addition, to explore the possibilities of expanding the level of that support. We look forward to working with your office and with Army Staff personnel to strengthen and improve our interface on manpower and personnel requirements.

With regard to replacement of incumbents, we are most concerned with perpetuating quality. Though there are specific qualifications which are preferred in the various positions, in general we desire mature officers with outstanding performance records; grade of junior major (ideally); branch qualified; possessing an advanced degree in electronic or astronautical engineering, physics, electronic data processing, applied mathematics, or research and development management; experience in research and development, system program/project management and/or technical intelligence; and a graduate of intermediate service school. A four-year stabilized tour has proved to be the most productive; a three-year tour should be minimum.

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We understand that the potential officer losses in 1975 are [REDACTED] from our Los Angeles Program Office and Major John Anderson from our immediate staff. Recently, we sent you a requisition (Reference b) for replacement of [REDACTED]. We have been advised that the Director of Program A at Los Angeles does not wish to refill the position which [REDACTED] occupies; however, a new requirement will be identified. Regarding Major Anderson, we strongly desire to retain him until the summer of 1976, which we hear should be optimum from his career management standpoint also.

In addition to revalidating existing positions, we have asked each NRO office to identify other requirements for which Army personnel are desired. Nearly all have responded. As soon as we have completed our review and assessment of the inputs, we will provide this information to you.

Finally, we have been in contact with Major Sollohub to arrange the briefing for Brigadier General Mundie. A suggested agenda is attached. We will be pleased to brief at General Mundie's convenience. My point of contact is my Executive, Lt Colonel Elmer Brooks, duty phone OX 7-6087. His alternate is [REDACTED] duty phone OX 5-3257.

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Colonel, USAF  
Director

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BRIEFING AGENDA

BRIGADIER GENERAL W. L. MUNDIE

- Welcome -- [REDACTED] USAF, Director,  
NRO STAFF (3 min)
- Introduction -- [REDACTED] USA, Chief, U.S. Army  
Element, USAF (2 min)
- Security Indoctrination -- [REDACTED] USAF (10 min)
- NRP Background and Missions -- [REDACTED] USAF (20 min)
- NRP Systems Review -- [REDACTED] (15 min)
- U.S. Army Activities in the NRO -- [REDACTED] USA (15 min)
- Personnel Procedures -- [REDACTED] USAF (10 min)
- Discussion (15 min)

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