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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Subj: POPPY Project Director for the ~~(S)~~ National Reconnaissance Office

1. Your memorandum of 26 June 1962 requesting nomination of an individual within the Navy to be POPPY Project Director is appreciated.
2. In response to your request, I hereby nominate Rear Admiral V. L. Lowrance, USN, whose normal duty assignment is Director of Naval Intelligence. I am delegating to him the authority and responsibility to work directly with the ~~(S)~~ Director, National Reconnaissance Office.
3. It is also my desire that Rear Admiral Lowrance continue to utilize the organization and services of the Technical Operating Group (TOG) in the detailed responsibilities concerning this Project. This will enable the ~~(S)~~ Director, National Reconnaissance Office and Major General Greer to avail themselves of the technical talents of those personnel who have been instrumental in designing and operating this Project since its inception. Rear Admiral Lowrance and members of the Technical Operating Group are available at any time to meet with your representatives to work out necessary details.

FRED KORTH
Secretary of the Navy



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