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20 July 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR The Secretary of the Navy

SUBJECT: Program Director for the (S) National Reconnaissance Office

I refer to my memorandum of 26 June 1962 requesting nomination of an individual within the Navy to be POPPY project director, and your memorandum of 28 June 1962 nominating Rear Admiral V. L. Lowrance for this task.

I am inclosing a copy of a recent memorandum for NRO Program Directors and the Director, NRO Staff, outlining the organization and functions of the NRO. I would be happy to accept Rear Admiral Lowrance as Director, Program C, in which capacity he would be responsible for the NRO work to be accomplished by the Naval Research Laboratory, including the present POPPY project and such follow-on effort as may be added in the future.

While the NRO will, of course, make use of qualified personnel to provide necessary assistance in the conduct of the POPPY project, many of the functions previously accomplished by the Technical Operating Group (TOG) will be handled by the permanent NRO staff, as outlined in the inclosed memorandum.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you after you have had an opportunity to review the inclosed memorandum.

l Incl Memo for NRO Program Directors & Director, NRO Staff (TS) (BYE 1733-62, cy 3) Signed

Joseph V. Charyk Director (S) National Reconnaissance Office

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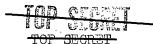
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

Subj: Program Director for the (S) National Reconnaissance Office

Reference is made to your memorandum of 20 July 1962 which forwarded a document to me describing the organization and functions of the NRO. This memorandum also approved my nomination of Rear Admiral Lowrance as Director, Program C.

The Navy related provisions of the NRO document are agreeable to the Department of the Navy, and Department resources will be made available as required in support of NRO objectives. I concur in the functional relationships assigned by you to the Director, Program C. Program documents and other support you may require will be provided directly by his office.

I intend to assure that basic research performed within the Navy which is applicable to NRO objectives will be readily available to support these objectives on a continuing basis.

Fred Korth Secretary of the Navy

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