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Dear Bob,

In reference to your letter of January 14, 1971, (BYE 65500/71), I am attaching a letter of appointment for Captain R. K. Geiger as Director of NRO Program C. I believe the choice of Captain Geiger to be a good one.

The expanded role of Program C can be of significant benefit to the National Reconnaissance Program. I recognize that there are growing pains associated with the creation of any new office such as PM-16 is now experiencing. I am particularly concerned with the covert security aspects of Program C. During the period of organization and staffing, we both need to be assured that adequate resources are available to Captain Geiger. In this regard, I have tasked the NRO Staff to cooperate fully and consult with Captain Geiger in all matters of mutual concern.

I believe it would be well for you and me to meet at regular intervals over the next few months to assess Captain Geiger's progress and to determine the extent to which it is appropriate for Program C to assume an expanded role in the NRP. I would envision a Memorandum of Understanding resulting from these meetings, where we would further delineate Captain Geiger's functions and

Although this is the day he was appointed we consider it to be effective January 5, the day PM-16 was actually established and Capt Geiger assigned as its Director.

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responsibilities, new studies that he might conduct in support of the NRP, manpower and facility requirements, his procurement authority and funding.



John L. McLucas

1 Attachment
Ltr of Appointment

R. A. Frosch
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Research and Development

cc: Secretary Chafee
Admiral Zumwalt

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN GEIGER

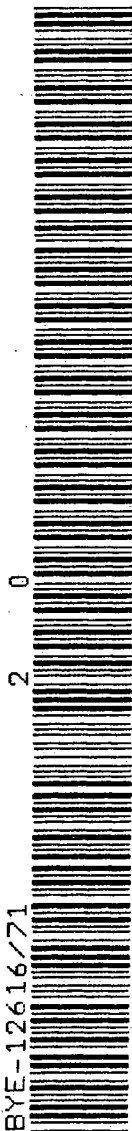
SUBJECT: Appointment

In response to Secretary Frosch's memorandum, BYE-65500/71, dated January 14, 1971, you are hereby appointed the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Program C.

Your appointment to this position should offer you great challenge and potential for satisfaction. Historically, the POPPY program is the oldest SIGINT program within the NRO, and has been highly successful. Your new duties as Director, Program C, will involve not only the POPPY satellite system, but increased responsibilities in support of the National Reconnaissance Program. During the period of planning, organizing, and staffing to accomplish your increased responsibilities you should consult freely with the NRO Staff and myself. Please keep me advised of your progress and problems.

John L. McLucas
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cc: Secretary Chafee
Admiral Zumwalt



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