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From: Director, Naval Intelligence
To: Director, Naval Security Group

Subj: Project POPPY; increased requirements for

1. Project POPPY is entering a new phase of operations beginning in November when the first [] satellite will be launched in orbit. This will permit [] as proposed by NSA. This will be the first launch for the Navy under the auspices of the National Reconnaissance Office and it is desired to maintain the same high degree of performance we have had in this program in the past.

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3. A new standard operating procedure will have to be drafted to cover the more complex operation. In the past this has been drawn up by the Naval Security Group in cooperation with NRL.

4. Since the organization within the Naval Security Group has been changing recently and certain key personnel have been lost to the project, some concern is felt that it will be adequately covered when operations start. The tasking of the stations around the clock will require the availability of a fairly large number of personnel. (More than we presently see-associated with the program). It is hoped that the operational plans in the Security Group have envisioned a sufficient number of men to assure project success.

5. To assure a complete understanding of the technical problems involved in this next operation, the Project Director would welcome an opportunity to brief the Director of the Naval Security Group and those of his staff who are cleared for the project on this new concept of apportion at an early date.

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