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MEMORANDUM TO: Naval Research Laboratory (Mr. Lorenzen)
National Security Group (LCDR MCGRAW)
National Security Agency
Central Intelligence Agency



Subj: POPPY System Responsibilities

Encl: (1) Draft "POPPY System Responsibilities"

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your review. You are encouraged to make additions, deletions and corrections where appropriate.

2. It is desired to have your comments by 1000, 25 March, the day of the next TOG meeting.

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From: Director, Program C
To: Director, Naval Research Laboratory
Commander, Naval Security Group Command
Director, National Security Agency
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Subj: POPPY System Responsibilities

Ref: (a) DNI ltr BYE-0613/63 of 4 January 1963

Encl: (1) Responsibilities in Support of the POPPY System

1. The Navy Space Project (PM-16) was established by the Chief of Naval Operations effective 5 January 1971 under the Chief of Naval Material.

Director, Program C has been assigned to the Navy Space Project in order to consolidate management, make the most economical use of resources and personnel, and take full advantage of associated assets available within the National Reconnaissance Program.

2. The POPPY System is the only existing operational system managed by Program C. The responsibilities delineated by reference (a) for the management and operation of the system have been overtaken by events. Enclosure (1) is forwarded as a revised statement of responsibilities reflecting those planning and programming actions routinely associated with the execution of these responsibilities.

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RESPONSIBILITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE POPPY SYSTEM

1. Purpose. To delineate the responsibilities and authority in the execution of the POPPY System Project.
2. The Director, Program C, is responsible for overall management of the POPPY Project. Included in his responsibilities are the following:
 - a. Coordinates all aspects of the project to ensure optimum effective employment of the system.
 - b. Reviews all requirements for POPPY mission concepts, personnel, ground support equipment, facilities, etc., and submits proposals to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office (DNRO) for approval.
 - c. Prepares a coordinated plan for the design, development, and construction of approved concepts.
 - d. Coordinates preparation of the budget for submission to the DNRO.
 - e. Allocates project funds as required for the design, development, construction and support of the project.
 - f. Monitors the technical development, test, production, quality assurance, maintenance, training and other logistic support matters to meet system objectives.
 - g. Exercises operational control of POPPY facilities through COMNAV-SECGRU.
 - h. Keeps the DNRO advised of the status, trends, accomplishments, problems and any other important aspects of the project.
 - i. Furnishes requirements information and basic planning data to Program C elements.

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j. Performs continuous evaluation of progress against plans, cost against funds available, and capability against design objectives. Initiates corrective actions whenever necessary to remain within planned parameters.

k. Directs and ensures efficient utilization of manpower, materials, and funds pertaining to the project.

3. The Director, Naval Research Laboratory is responsible to the Director, Program C, for the engineering and technical support in the design, development, fabrication, test and on-orbit technical operation of the system.

His responsibilities include the following:

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- (a. Prepares mission concepts for submission to the Director, Program C.
 - b. Designs, develops and fabricates satellite vehicles and provides on-board equipment required to implement approved concepts.
 - c. Provides ground support equipment required in the collection and interrogation functions of POPPY ground sites.
 - d. Coordinates vehicle and mission payload integration.
 - e. Ensures pre-launch technical coordination and monitoring of the POPPY launch.

f. Prepares funding data as required by the Director, Program C.

4. The Commander, Naval Security Group Command, exercises for the Director, Program C, operational control of POPPY, translating the tasking directions of the NRO and processing priorities of NSA into directives for POPPY field stations.

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Program C). Included in COMNAVSECGRU's responsibilities are the following:

- a. Develops procedures for executing the tasking directives of the Satellite Operations Center in the most timely and effective manner.
- b. Exercises command authority over POPPY field stations which perform collection and processing functions.
- c. Initiates guidance to field stations in response to NSA policy on processing priorities and other matters concerning field processing functions.
- d. Interfaces with NRL and NSA regarding system hardware and software and its impact on station operations.
- e. Develops, plans, programs and coordinates as required for current and future requirements for equipment, materials, supplies, facilities, maintenance and support services (other than that directly involved in collection and processing functions), housing, barracks and messing needed for the POPPY operational mission.
- f. Coordinates with NRL and NSA regarding all collection and processing equipment for POPPY field stations, and monitors all installation plans and schedules for its impact on station facilities and service requirements.
- g. Interfaces with NRL regarding maintenance and repair of POPPY operations equipment at the field stations.
- h. Plans and programs for sufficient and appropriate communication facilities to support POPPY operations.
- i. Provides for the physical security facilities and services required to maintain authorized SI, TANGO and/or BRAVO control centers at the POPPY field stations.
- j. Provides and/or coordinates as required for sufficient administrative, command and personnel support facilities and services to support POPPY operations.

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k. Plans and programs for manpower requirements at POPPY field stations. Initiates changes, deletions and additions to existing manning requirements through appropriate channels.

l. Develops and administers, in coordination with CHNAVPERS, the requisite training programs for officer and enlisted personnel assigned to POPPY field operations.

m. Administers the personnel security program for the Naval Security Group personnel involved in POPPY operations, including those aspects unique to the TANGO and BRAVO clearance categories.

n. Monitors the operations of POPPY field activities to ensure the maintenance of high standards of performance.

5. The Director, National Security Agency, has overall responsibility for the processing of all collected data received at POPPY field stations. Included in his responsibilities are the following:

a. Determines processing equipment requirements at the sites and coordinates with NRO, NRL and NSG in the procurement, installation and operational use of the equipment.

b. In coordination with NSG, programs through the CCP for manpower requirements at the POPPY field stations.

c. Budgets for POPPY processing equipment.

d. Interfaces with the NRO, Director, Program C, NRL and NSG in the development of future POPPY concepts as they relate to processing functions.

e. Processes, analyzes and publishes data collected from POPPY field stations.

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- a. Maintains liaison with the Director, Program C, NSA, NRL and NSG in establishing equipment, personnel and training requirements.
 - b. Ensures adequate manning of the site for the collection of POPPY data.
 - c. Establishes procedures for the delivery of collected data to NSA.
 - d. Coordinates with NRL for equipment maintenance and upkeep.

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