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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM C

SUBJECT: FY 1973 Financial Program, FY 1974 Budget, and FY 1975  
thru 1978 Planning

Guidance for the formulation of FY 1973 thru 1978 recommendations for the Director C portion of the present POPPY program is contained in the attachment hereto.

It is expected that supplementary guidance for ocean surveillance, resulting from the 19 Feb 72 meeting with Admiral Zumwalt, will be issued shortly. However, this will not negate the need for a basic POPPY submission as an option.

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Attachment

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**POPPY: (Director C)**

B. Director C and SAFSP are to collaborate on determining the

C. Cost estimates for each of FY 1973 and 1974 are to distinguish between:

1. Payload-related costs as separately-identified by applicable vehicle, and by appropriate line items (Command/Control, Telemetry, etc.).
2. Ground station development/investment costs, as related to individual stations wherever possible, but excluding processing development or equipment.
3. Ground station operating costs, separately identifying combined costs for supporting existing equipments at current ground stations and costs for supporting proposed new or replacement equipments.
4. Facilities (Investment) costs, by line item.
5. Services (Operational) costs, by line item.
6. In each preceding instance, provide pertinent explanations, particularly where costs vary from FY 1972 current approvals.

D. As a separate identification, with an extract copy to be sent to NSA for appropriate action, submit recommendations for ground station development/investment as directly related to processing equipments. It is expected that NSA will budget and fund for these costs, rather than the NRP, altho certain specific determinations may be necessary.

E. These FY 1973 and 1974 estimates are to be submitted in one copy each to the DDNRO, NRO Comptroller, and NRO Staff by not later than 28 April 1972.

F. Cost estimates for FY 1975 thru 1978 are also necessary. It is realized that the same degree of estimating can not be developed for these years as for FY 73 and 74. Accordingly, magnitude estimates for each fiscal year against the following category headings will suffice.

Payload-related  
Ground station development/investment, excluding  
Ground station operating

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Facilities (Investment) costs  
Services (Operational) costs

Submit these estimates to the same recipients as under "E"  
by not later than 22 May 72. Submit a copy of the processing-related  
costs to NSA.

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