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9 July 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: SAFSL/SAFSS Relationships

Late this afternoon, General Harry Evans called to ask me to add an "Operations" section to an existing document, "Functions of the NRO Staff with Respect to the MOL Program." Attachment 1 is the original paper plus - in double-spaced typing at the end - my proposal for an operations section. General Evans expressed his concurrence with the details of the original verbiage, but requested that it be condensed. The pencilled notes represent this editing.

Attachment 2 is a clean copy of the final version.

2 Attachments


PAUL E. WORTHMAN
Colonel, USAF

cc: Colonel Carter

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FUNCTIONS OF THE NRO STAFF WITH RESPECT
TO THE MOL PROGRAM

General

The NRO Staff will be involved with the MOL program as the staff agency to the DNRO in those areas which interface with the NRP. The objective of this arrangement is to provide a means by which coordination with related elements of the NRP and an overview of the total program can be assured. Responsibilities in specific areas are summarized in the following paragraphs.

Security

The Chief Security Officer of the NRO Staff will continue to exercise security review and control for all aspects of the MOL program in accordance with his presently assigned responsibilities for security of the NRP. Because of the complex nature of the MOL program, the present arrangement wherein a Security Officer from the NRO Staff is detailed to the MOL program for day to day operation will be continued.

Policy

The NRO Staff will provide a point of mandatory coordination for the MOL program office in matters and relationships of concern to the NRO involving the State Department, ACDA, the United Nations, NASA, Congress, the Executive Department, and release of public information. Conversely, the NRO Staff will coordinate similar matters in which it is involved and which are of concern to the MOL program with the Washington MOL program office.

Reporting

The NRO Staff will be responsible for including data on the MOL program as required in overall NRO reports such as those to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, total budget summaries, and documents and presentations of a similar nature. The MOL program office will supply the required data to the NRO Staff.

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Technical

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The NRO Staff will be the principal working interface between the MOL program and the intelligence community. It will maintain currency on approved intelligence targets and priorities; analyze requirements and compare them with the collection capability;

conduct the necessary climatological studies to support operations;

~~and furnish program~~ ^{pre-launch intelligence collection} planning to meet the requirements. ^{and conduct} ~~In pre-~~ ^{post-mission collection analysis (collated with USIB requirements)} ~~launching planning, the NRO Staff will specify desired target coverage,~~

~~approve the orbit, specify desired on-orbit target program options,~~

~~approve the target program, and specify a desired launching time.~~

~~In the post-mission phase, the Staff will analyze the success of the~~

~~mission with regard to target coverage, conduct post-mission~~

~~intelligence critiques, conduct cumulative analyses of coverage~~

~~obtained (collated with USIB requirements) and recommend to the~~

~~Director, NRO desirable changes in collection capability.~~

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