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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: MOL Briefing to GAO

On 23 June Major Cohen and I gave a short MOL Program briefing to Mr. William Newman, Director of Defense Division, GAO. Also present was Mr. Handley of DCAA. The briefing was primarily oriented to an indoctrination of Mr. Newman into the security aspects of the NRO and its programs. I presented a brief overview of the MOL system, its mission, and contractor structure. Mr. Newman was quite interested in the amount of black work being done at each contractor. I believe we convinced him that the GAO would have difficulties reviewing General Electric and that it would be quite impossible to review EK without serious compromise of security.

Mr. Handley's presence helped to resolve a rather difficult problem. Mr. Newman believes now it would be possible to delegate the review of black contractors to DCAA. In that respect he intends to speak with Mr. Petty, Director of DCAA and possibly Mr. Anthony. Mr. Newman requested that Harold Rubin of his staff be cleared Dorian and take on the task of coordinating with Mr. Handley the delegation of black review to DCAA.

It seems that the strongest external motivation for the GAO review is the question of duplication of missions and hardware between NASA and MOL. After having been apprised of the MOL mission, Mr. Newman realized there is no duplication in that department. I also assured him that because I am a NASA employee and Technical Director of MOL, I personally make sure there is no unnecessary duplication in the technical area. This statement seemed to satisfy him.

Major Cohen will take care of the question of clearability of Mr. Rubin, and I recommend that if it is possible he be cleared into the Program. This approach will undoubtedly save us undue difficulties with the GAO.

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