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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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This memorandum provides some information requested at the meeting of 29 September, with some further background.

At the so-called advanced projects facility (A/P), Lockheed (LMSA), under a number of CIA contracts, fabricates the forward structure of the CORONA orbital vehicle, installs the camera and film systems, and participates in an elaborate test program in which the camera contractor, and other elements of Lockheed who are under contract to the Air Force, also participate.

In addition to contracts covering fabrication and LMSA has had a "systems engineering" contract covering of about 20 engineers at the A/P. The work statement of this contract calls out many engineering tasks. In gross summary, these detailed tasks have three objectives: to insure that all elements of the camera - spacecraft - re-entry vehicle system fit and operate together, to insure that test procedures support this objective, and to evaluate test and operating results to verify that the objective has been met.

During FY 1963 this systems engineering contract was with the Air Force. In FY 1964, it was transferred to the CIA, as contract [redacted] and administered by [redacted] a CIA contracting officer serving in [redacted] organization.

[redacted] has negotiated with LMSA a contract to continue during FY 1965 the work covered by [redacted] in FY 1964. The work has been designated "systems integration" rather than "systems engineering" and the work statement reflects the existence of a contract with [redacted] for over-all systems engineering. The detailed statement of tasks parallels

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almost verbatim, except for deletion of tasks to be done by [REDACTED] the provisions of [REDACTED]. One task is noted below, specifically in response to a question raised on 29 September.

One specific task in the work statement of [REDACTED] was worded substantially as follows:

"Witness acceptance tests of the Associate Contractors' deliverable end items, participate in the evaluation of the test data, as required, and make recommendations thereon to the Government."

In [REDACTED] proposed follow-on contract, as negotiated with IMSC, the last clause providing for recommendations to the Government "Government" has been replaced [REDACTED]

If there is any concern about this task [REDACTED] and I agree that it can be deleted without damage to the primary objectives of the contract. Alternatively, the clause calling for recommendations can be deleted, or the reference to "Air Force" changed to "Government".

In connection with the question, whether the A/P facility can be used for [REDACTED] follow-on to [REDACTED] it should be noted the same IMSC engineering group has been doing essentially this same work at A/P for several years, sometimes under CIA contract and at other times under Air Force contract.

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