

26 October 1964

Dear Cy:

This letter is in response to yours of October 15th. I am not sufficiently familiar with the internal workings of [REDACTED] organization to comment on the details of the organizational structure and its function as outlined in your letter. I do feel, as I have mentioned before, that it is proper to have a single authoritative program director, (this is [REDACTED]) that this director should exercise complete technical direction and that corporations such as [REDACTED] and others should be assigned responsibilities such as the general systems engineering function.

The assignment of [REDACTED] to and in support of General [REDACTED] is for the purpose outlined in my letter of October 6th. [REDACTED] will pull together and be responsible for all of the activities carried on by CIA personnel. This would provide a focal point for contact on all matters and would overcome the problem mentioned to the Executive Committee by Dr. McMillan.

I had arranged for my deputy, General Carter, to meet with Dr. McMillan, [REDACTED] in Los Angeles on Wednesday, October 28th to work out directly with those concerned all details pertaining to [REDACTED] activities. However, General Carter's unfortunate illness in Honolulu has caused a postponement of the meeting for a few days. I feel it essential that [REDACTED] unique capabilities, together with the capabilities of the men assigned to him from CIA, should be fully utilized, as doing so will be in the best interests of NRO.

Therefore, I agree completely with the plan expressed in the final paragraph of your letter concerning the meeting between D/NRO, [REDACTED]. The only addition is that General Carter will attend. I feel also that the final arrangements agreed between them should be set forth in a Memorandum for the Record prepared at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. MCGONE

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The Pentagon

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