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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NRO ExCom Meeting at 3:30 p. m., on Thursday,
10 September

PRESENT: Mr. McCone, Secretary Vance, Dr. McMillan,
and General Carter

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6. Mr. McCone then reported that in following up on suggestions made at previous meetings of the Executive Committee, a plan had been developed to establish a small CIA element to assist [REDACTED] by having this element co-located with [REDACTED] and conduct CIA CORONA activities on the West

[REDACTED]

Coast. Mr. McCone said he contemplated having [redacted] in place in several weeks to be in charge of the CIA operations. [redacted] in addition to being the head of the West Coast CIA activities, would also provide a single point of contact for [redacted] and for Washington on CIA CORONA matters. He would provide advice and guidance to [redacted] [redacted] would be responsible for all CIA contracting and all CIA security responsibilities. In addition, he would control the CIA group at Palo Alto. All of this was designed to give a single cohesive input to the CORONA program from the CIA and to revitalize our participation in that program. [redacted] would be ~~report to and be responsible to~~ ^{report to and be responsible to} [redacted] and would ~~be authorized to communicate~~ ^{be} have direct lines of communication back to the DD/S&T here in Washington so that he could obtain additional advice, guidance, and assistance from our Headquarters competence as might be needed. We might augment [redacted] by the assignment of a couple of additional technical people at a later date. Mr. McCone pointed out that the successful operation of this plan required a clear-cut understanding of the Executive Committee as well as clear-cut instructions to [redacted]. I stated that these instructions should include participation of the CIA in all contractor/supplier meetings, a satisfactory working relationship with [redacted] who now has a systems engineering role, and a firm position in the Configuration Control Board or whatever new coordination mechanism is established for the system. Mr. Vance and Mr. McCone agreed that the veto concept of the Configuration Control Board was not working properly and that the Control Board, ~~whenever it was not in agreement, should present its conflicting~~ ^{act as an advisory} views to [redacted] for decision ~~(and in the event these are~~ ^{board} ~~major problems, such decision might have to be made back at the~~ ~~Washington level.)~~ All of these points seemed to be agreed by everyone present but it was decided that I would prepare a memo for Dr. McMillan establishing the working relationships as we see them and proposing the type of guidance [redacted] should receive from Dr. McMillan. Such a memo is being prepared and I will furnish the Executive Committee copies of it. Action: General Carter to prepare appropriate memo. *(used to review the*

who would be responsible for final decision

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Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

*Dictated but not read by General Carter

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