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MEMORANDUM FOR DDR/CIA

SUBJECT: Management of LANYARD

1. Following our recent discussion of the particular delegation of responsibilities to be made in the LANYARD project, I suggest the written assignment of major aspects as indicated below. Since this particular management structure has not been used in any of our other projects, I believe that it is necessary to be quite explicit to insure that the scheme will be fully understood and function smoothly at the working level.

a. Contract Administration. The [redacted], will be responsible for contract administration, to include the covert SETD contract but excluding the payload and related covert items. The CIA will be responsible for contract administration of the payload and those portions of the recovery system which must be procured under covert contract.

b. Technical Management. The [redacted], will be completely responsible for the technical management of all aspects of LANYARD, including the payload. The CIA payload contract administrator will be responsive solely to the [redacted] for all payload management instructions. The presently established Configuration Control Board will continue to be utilized in the same general manner as for the CORONA project, except that it will be responsive only to the [redacted]. The Project Director will be the Chief of the DISCOVERER project office (Colonel Battle), and he will be responsible directly to the [redacted] for all aspects of this project. The [redacted] will arrange for necessary cover actions through his additional duty responsibilities as Vice Commander, [redacted].

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c. Operations. The CIA will be responsible for pre-mission planning and on-orbit operational decisions in the same manner as currently followed in the CORONA project. These activities will include participation in all phases by personnel of the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED].

However, unlike the CORONA project, [REDACTED] will be responsible for all engineering and technical decisions during the conduct of LANYARD missions. He will refer any conflicts between engineering and operational aspects to the Director of the NRO for resolution, and will make such resolution in cases where time does not permit referral to the Director of the NRO.

d. Security Administration. The CIA will be responsible for security administration of the LANYARD project, using the [REDACTED] procedures. Determination of need-to-know for all contractor personnel and all other personnel directly involved in management or conduct of the project will be the responsibility of the [REDACTED].

Determination of need-to-know for all DOD personnel not directly involved in the management or conduct of the project will be the responsibility of the Under Secretary of the Air Force. The CIA will be responsible for determination of need-to-know for all CIA personnel other than those directly involved in the project management.

e. Communications. The CIA CORONA teletype net will be extended to include the [REDACTED], and the [REDACTED]. All LANYARD project communications will include concurrent copies to these offices and to the CIA.

2. It is rapidly becoming a matter of urgency that firm agreement be reached on the above responsibilities if we are to meet the LANYARD schedule that was recently presented to the President. Some important project actions have already been started on the basis of somewhat incomplete, and in some cases contradictory guidance, and I understand that system integration meetings are being held this week. Accordingly, with your concurrence, I propose that the responsibilities for this project as outlined herein be made effective immediately.

Signed

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Under Secretary of the Air Force

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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Memo for Record

The following read to [REDACTED] by
telephone today by [REDACTED]

"We here will be working with Agency types over next few days to spell out in further detail some of these functions, especially communications and security functions. Request you establish your procedures in conjunction with these here, so that we do not get our wires crossed. This has much effect on other program management."

[REDACTED]