

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON



OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

December 1, 1964

Dear Pat,

Your proposed draft memorandum of agreement on the CORONA program has been reviewed. Attached is a proposed redraft for your consideration. After you have had an opportunity to review the amendments I have made, I suggest we get together again.

Sincerely,

Brockway McMillan
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

Attachment

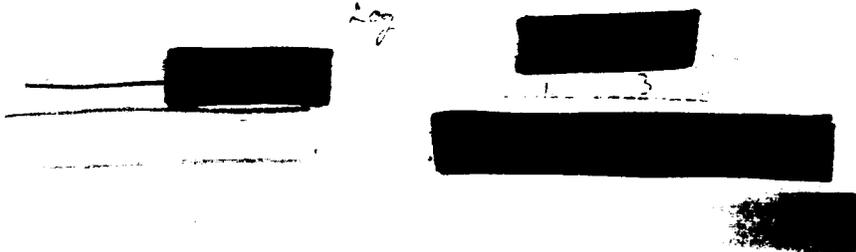
Lt General Marshall S. Carter
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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

1. This agreement between Director, NRO, and the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence is based on policy guidance from the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. In order to focus and strengthen the participation of the Central Intelligence Agency and the overall management of the CORONA program, the following policy decisions are effective at once:

a. A single authoritative program manager for CORONA is in the national interest and this manager is [REDACTED].

b. [REDACTED], the CORONA program manager, exercises overall technical and operational direction of the program and is responsible to the DNRO for its successful prosecution. The DNRO is responsible to the Secretary of Defense as the Executive Agent for the NRP and to the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence as set forth in the DOD-CIA Agreement dated 13 March 1963.

c. All Director, Program B activities in CORONA, including security and contracting, will be consolidated under [REDACTED] who in turn is responsible to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] will be physically stationed with [REDACTED] at El Segundo, California.

d. [REDACTED] will provide systems engineering for the program in accordance with current contracts amended as provided for in [REDACTED] dated 17 August 1964.

e. A CORONA Advisory Committee reporting to [REDACTED] will be established. [REDACTED] will be a member of this committee with responsibility for providing advice and assistance on the technical aspects of the payload.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

f. The LMSC (A/P) facility at Palo Alto, its personnel and its functions, remains a Director, Program B activity and reports to [REDACTED] and is responsible to [REDACTED] through him.

g. [REDACTED] the CORONA program manager, is responsible for all technical decisions during pre-launch, launch, on-orbit, and recovery phases of mission execution. Operational communications procedures and mission responsibilities as outlined in [REDACTED] dated 30 November 1964 will be followed. It is reaffirmed that the NRO Satellite Operations Center is responsible for intelligence targeting and mission programming and that [REDACTED] has the authority for early mission termination or interruptions only in emergencies in which technical considerations threaten the successful completion of the mission.

h. [REDACTED] will provide a centralized point of contact for the payload contractors, LMSC (A/P), GE (R/V), and Itek on all matters pertaining to their contracts. This includes contracting, security, and implementation of technical directives as approved by [REDACTED]. This relationship will govern both the receipt of contractor proposals for payload improvement and the issuance of new directives.

i. The systems integration contract with LMSC (A/P) will continue to be a Director, Program B contract under [REDACTED] as it is an integral part of the CORONA activity at this facility.

j. Required funds to support Director, Program B contracts will continue to be included in the Director, Program A portion of the NRO budget and funding procedures will continue as presently established by the NRO Comptroller.

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