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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board '

SUBJECT:

Amendment to "Proposed Expansion of Billets for the Exploitation and Use of TALENT-KEYHOLE Materials and Information."

REFERENCE;

TCS-7902-60-KH

1. On September 14, 1960 the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance submitted to the United States Intelligence Board a memorandum with an attachment on Page 3 explaining the needs of the U.S. Government for the use of those materials along with Annexes A through H defining each participating agency's functional responsibilities and need for T-KH-certified personnel.

2. At that meeting General Erskine stated that he would not be able to approve those billets pertaining to the Department of Defense until he had secured approval of the Secretary of Defense. Also at that meeting the Acting Chairman, General Cabell, urged upon the members that further examination of the billet needs be undertaken with severest scrutiny from the point of view of functional need eliminating wherever possible those now included by virtue of position but who did not have a "must know" requirement for access to the material.

3. The Chairman of COMOR has received in one copy a memorandum from Col. James Mahon, the JCS/OSD Member of COMOR, which states that the Secretary of Defense has now approved revised billet schedules of the components of the Department of Defense. Time has not permitted a retyping and distribution of that document. However, each Department of Defense component has its own paper in this regard and the summary of all participating agencies' billet needs are set forth

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in Annex A to this document. The effect of the re-examination undertaken subsequent to the USIB meeting of September 20th is an overall reduction of between 20% and 25% from the billet needs set forth in the reference. In reviewing the attached paper it is suggested that special note be taken of paragraph 5.

5. Upon USIB approval of the attachment it will be submitted to the White House for comment in accordance with the request of General Goodpaster.

6. <u>Recommendation</u>: It is recommended that the United States Intelligence Board approve the attached paper.

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AMES Q. REBER Chairman Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Attachment A

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> Proposed Expansion of Billets for the Exploitation and Use of TALENT-KEYHOLE Materials and Information

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1. A Presidential Directive recently issued requires that certain satellite photography must be handled within the TALENT Security Control System in a separate compartment known as TALENT-KEYHOLE. It further requires that the United States Intelligence Board shall develop a broad consensus for determining those functions in the United States Government (and personnel within them) which must have access to satellite photography for National Security purposes.

> 2. The satellite photography from Mission 9009 is in land and is currently being exploited and used within Washington Headquarters' intelligence agencies, and The Strategic Air Command, Aero-Space Technical Intelligence Center, Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, Army Map Service, and Navy Photographic Interpretation Center. The billet structure within these organizations was planned on an extremely limited basis in advance of the arrival of satellite photography and pending an evaluation of the exploitation potential.

3. For six years the U.S. intelligence agencies have had extensive experience with the larger scale photography from overflight held in the SENSINT and TALENT Systems. New equipment bearing upon the art of photographic interpretation has clearly expanded the quantity and quality of information derived from that photography. We have seen the extensive uses to which the material and the information derived therefrom can be put for strategic intelligence purposes, emergency war planning, intelligence purposes related to the responsibility of theater commanders, research and development requirements of the Department of Defense, and operational purposes of the military as well as intelligence operations. An important aspect of this material is its relevance to the formulation of foreign policy decisions.

> 4. The examination of satellite photography from Mission 9009 reveals that it can serve essentially the same purposes as the earlier TALENT photography. While it has definite limitations for technical intelligence purposes (as compared with TALENT), it serves those purposes

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through comparison with existing TALENT and through the use of collateral intelligence. Its vast geographic coverage clearly enhances our ability to search for guided missile sites of all sorts, and will permit the identification of installations with which we have become familiar under the TALENT Program. In addition to the uses for positive information on the USSR, it will materially assist in refining the targets for other collection programs and improving their potential.

5. Where USIB has reviewed U.S. needs for National Security purposes in the light of the capabilities of the available satellite photography and with the purpose and injunction of the Presidential Directive uppermost in mind. The USIB considers the planned increase of TALENT-KEYHOLE billets set forth in the annexes hereto to be necessary and proper in terms of functional use of TALENT-KEYHOLE materials and information and the magnitude of the personnel forces to carry these functions at this time.

Annex A Summary of TALENT-KEYHOLE Billets for All Agencies.

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