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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

SUBJECT: 25 November 1969 Ex Com Decisions

The following decisions were made by the Ex Com, for not only the FY 1971 Budget but also the FY 1972 thru 1975 cost programs, which are of specific interest to your office in forward planning, and in some cases in relation to FY 1970 funding:

U-2 accounts:

1. The U-2R Investment account at zero funding for FY 1971 thru 1975.
2. Senior Year at \$2,400K FY 71 budget, and Idealist/Senior Year Common at \$8,600K. The five year program anticipates the U-2 programs to continue. However, based on a BOB issue for fleet consolidation under SAC, it was agreed that the "future of the U-2's" would be re-examined before the FY 1972 budget is determined.
3. Associated with the U-2R Investment assumption are related reductions in Countermeasures R&D and General R&D to eliminate effort related to new equipments. Provision is still included for performance-type improvements on existing equipments. Based on discussions at the Ex Com, it is not clear that these assumptions for the 5 year program are final. It appears that the future year planning (FY 72 and subsequent) will be dependent on the outcome of the U-2 study. However, FY 1970 currently-approved efforts should continue, and additional requests will be considered on their own merits.

Tagboard:

An amount of \$6,300K was included in the FY 1971 Budget, on the basis of three flights. However, this was announced as a tentative decision, specifically subject to reconsideration on the basis of the results of the next two FY 1970 flights. It was apparent that unless the next two flights are successful, and useful missions for FY 1971 can be identified, a long-range storage option will probably be chosen.

SENIOR YEAR IDEALIST TAGBOARD  
CORONA HEXAGON

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Advanced Drone:

The Ex Com decided that this program would not be implemented by the NRP.

Depot Support of CIA Satellite Programs:

The FY 1971 Budget includes \$3K for Corona, \$20K for Hexagon, and  No provision was included for Readout.

Area 51 Operations:

The present program is planned for continuation. This would require \$250K of regular Air Force funding annually.

If further details are needed, contact me for a discussion.



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