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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

30 September 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN GEIGER

SUBJECT: Comments on Mr. Froehlke's Memos on the CDIP/CDIRIS

1. Letter to McLucas/Bennett/Gaylor

a. Responsibilities conflict with those of ExCom. The 11 August 1965 DOD/CIA Agreement (summary attached) would have to be completely renegotiated. At the 7 August ExCom meeting Mr. Packard stated explicitly that "the ExCom should continue to function as it has and so should the NRO." (Extract from minutes attached) Both of these documents are in direct conflict with Mr. Froehlke's memos. For example, he will require that Dr. McLucas develop program recommendations for him, Mr. Froehlke will determine NRP resource levels, he will set the ceiling on the NRP budget, etc.

b. Requires NRP to submit "Air Staff type papers," e.g., POMs (Program Objective Memoranda). Neither the NRO field units nor the staff is manned for this workload.

c. Cross program issue studies will draw on the programs for people. The NRO Staff is not manned for this if it is to be a big effort. Also, our travel budget won't support the junkets which would likely occur.

d. Recommend [redacted] participate in any questions related to fiscal guidance/procedures. If DOD/Air Staff procedures are forced on the NRO [redacted] will not be able to handle the [redacted] NRP account by himself.

e. Proliferation of paper will mean greatly expanded coordination/reviews by the services and increased exposure of the NRP from a security standpoint. We would lose complete control of the Byeman billet system.

f. Many of the new reviewers/coordinators have been shut out of the NRP for years and feel they have an axe to grind with us. They could be very obstinate and obstructive.

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2. Memo to Secretaries of Military Departments

a. The CDIRIS, if reasonably like the Phase II TOD, can be prepared by the NRP. It appears that the NRO budget planning cycles will have to be rescheduled in order to comply with submission dates.

b. New NRP requirements such as the reporting of manpower by program will be difficult in view of our current organization.

c. While not mentioned in the memo, current TOD data are maintained by CIA Staff. I don't think this information should be available to people who are designing competing systems.

d. As mentioned previously, it is implied that much additional paper will be generated by the programs. Specifically, PDP's (Program Development Plans), DCP (Development Concept Papers) and PCR's (Program Change Requests) are clearly indicated. The staff is not manned for this nor is this in conformance with one of the major concepts of the NRO structure, streamlined management.



Lt Colonel, USAF

Attachments
Tab A, Extract from
ExCom Minutes
Tab B, DOD/CIA
Agreement

Clearly, our staff is not enthusiastic. We will study the issues more completely and more constructively during the week. It does indeed sound like a great deal more paper is desired by Mr. Froehle.

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