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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1969

THE SECRETARY



MEMORANDUM FOR Chief of Staff, USAF
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
(Installations & Logistics)
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
(Financial Management)
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
(Research & Development)
Commander, AFSC
Comptroller of the Air Force
Director, Office of Information
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Director, National
Reconnaissance Office

On March 17, the Deputy Secretary of Defense appointed
Dr. John L. McLucas as Director, National Reconnaissance Office
(DNRO), in addition to his duties as Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Since the Office of Space Systems (SAFSS) and the Office of
Special Projects (SAFSP) are concerned only with National Recon-
naissance Program matters, I hereby delegate full directive authority
over all of their activities to Dr. McLucas.

Dr. McLucas is delegated the authority to act for me on all Air
Force matters -- including personnel, materiel, and fiscal resources --
associated with the National Reconnaissance Office and/or within the
purview of the National Reconnaissance Program, including the MOL
reconnaissance payloads.

Robert C. Seamans, Jr.

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cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

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MEMORANDUM

March 25, 1969

MR

General W. W. Berg requested a re-read
this date. [redacted] carried in order
that he might provide some further in-
struction on security rules (indicated as a
result of telecon -- Gen W. W. Berg to
[redacted] this date).

Lt Col Yost

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MEMORANDUM *March 18, 1969*

Bill - Maj Gen W.W. Berg

*You asked about the
DNEO's authority regarding his
direction in areas such as
personnel - manpower etc - 2
Have asked my fellows to
bring this copy up to you -*

*If you have any questions
on this I'd be glad to try
and answer -*

Buss.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

March 13, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. SEAMANS

I have forwarded to Mr. Packard a memorandum for his signature (copy attached) appointing Dr. McLucas Director of the NRO as additional duty effective March 17, 1969.

The attached memorandum for your signature delegates to Dr. McLucas authority over SAFSS and SAFSP. It is a paraphrase of the one Dr. Brown wrote in 1965 at the time of my appointment as Director of the NRO (a copy is attached). Strictly, since the Under Secretary already has delegated to him virtually all authority vested in the Secretary, the memorandum confers no new authority in Dr. McLucas. However, it does make clear to the other Assistant Secretaries and the Chief of Staff that they are

- 1) Not expected to exercise their normal functions or to act for you on NRO matters

and

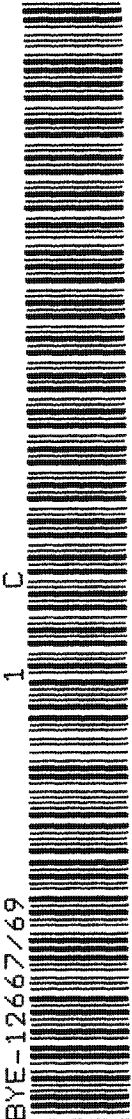
- 2) Take up any questions involving interaction of the NRO with normal Air Force activities with Dr. McLucas.

Alexander H. Flax

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- 3 Attachments
 - 1. Memo for signature
 - 2. Copy of memo for Mr. Packard's signature
 - 3. Copy of memo signed by Dr. Brown, 9 Nov 1965

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THE NRO STAFF

March 12, 1969

DR. FLAX

We thought you would want to personally sponsor the attached memoranda for signature by Mr. Packard and Dr. Seamans.

The first designates Dr. McLucas the Director, National Reconnaissance Office and replaces the October 1, 1965 letter signed by Mr. Vance which is included for your reference at Tab A.

The second refers to the first and delegates to Dr. McLucas (1) full directive authority over all activities of SAFSS and SAFSP and (2) the authority to act for the Secretary on all Air Force matters associated with the NRO and/or within the purview of the NRP, including the MOL reconnaissance payloads. This memorandum would replace that signed by Dr. Brown on November 9, 1965 (see Tab B).

William R. Yost
WILLIAM R. YOST
Lt Colonel, USAF

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