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WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 10, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SMART

SUBJECT: NRO Camera Manuals

This memorandum is in response to your memorandum, "Request for NRO Documents," TCS 38836-69, dated August 28, 1969 in which you requested copies of the KH-4B, KH-8 and KH-9 Camera Manuals.

We certainly do not want to restrict your access to current NRP systems information. The NRO camera manuals, however, were never intended to provide technical information on systems; rather they were developed solely as an aid to photo interpreters. Should you still require access to the manuals, we would prefer to make them continuously and readily available to your staff here in the Pentagon. The information contained in the manuals may be changed from time to time and we are not desirous of being in the role of updating remotely held copies.

We believe that periodic briefings to members of your staff by the NRO Staff are more appropriate and provide more current and detailed system information than is contained in the photo interpreter manuals. We will be happy to provide whatever briefings are necessary to keep the appropriate members of your staff current on the systems contained in the NRP. I trust this arrangement will satisfy your requirements for information and that the very effective liaison which exists between the staffs will continue.

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