Establishment of a Directorate of Space

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SUBJECT: Establishment of a Directorate of Space

TO: DEPUTIES, DIRECTORS AND CHIEFS OF COMPARABLE OFFICES (NO. 6)

1. A recent appraisal of our space efforts concluded that an improvement of the Air Force space posture could be achieved by establishing a management focal point within the Air Staff for space activities. Therefore I have directed the establishment of a Directorate of Space as a major organizational entity within the Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development, effective 1 February 1967. Within this directorate will be concentrated the policy formulation and planning support of the Air Force space research and development programs and the program control and management of the space development projects, advanced space technology programs, and space support activities. Space support activities include the national ranges, control facilities, and launch vehicles.

2. I intend that the Directorate of Space shall be the focal point on space matters within the Air Staff to include relations with NASA and other agencies involved in the National Space Program.

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