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TO: CHIEF, SSC/CIA

SUBJECT: Industrial Byeman Security Manual

I have attached a memorandum of understanding between SAFSP and NASA/MSC, Houston related to project Upward activity at the latter facility and which is intended to provide security guidance related to SAFSP covert contractor and NASA/MSC interface. The memorandum includes a security guide which uses terminology such as "Secret/Special Handling" and "Top Secret/Special Handling" where the security guide to the basic CIA-DOD-NASA agreement would prescribe "Top Secret/Byeman/Special Clearance Required."

As a result of this arrangement, there are presently two systems of security: (1) Byeman and (2) Special Handling (Byeman equivalent) operative within NASA related to the same subject matter (project Upward). It is my opinion that this situation could result in a great deal of confusion and considerable likelihood of serious security compromise unless it is monitored very closely.

Colonel Worthman, Deputy Director of NRO Staff for Plans, Policy and Programs, has suggested that this and similar situations might be corrected by the preparation of an Industrial Byeman Security Manual, has suggested that I take the initiative in this matter and has offered his assistance. Whereas we have in the past scrupulously avoided reference to the Byeman terminology and certain other elements of the system within the industrial community, I am inclined at this juncture, however, to agree with Colonel Worthman to the extent that some of our earlier concepts might well stand re-examination at this time.

Therefore, if you agree I would propose a meeting to include representatives of the SSC/CIA, Security Officers from DD/S&T and SAFSP and Colonel Worthman and myself from the NRO Staff to explore the feasibility of promulgating an Industrial Byeman Security Manual.

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