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[redacted] et al:

I have talked with the NSC referral POC. They want to see references to the 303 Committee ONLY in documents that were originated by the White House or the NSC. They indicated the association of the 303 Committee with the NRO is not classified from an NSC standpoint. Therefore, we should not redact references to this body in NRO-generated or owned records. If we find any White House or NSC documents in our records, they are to be cleansed of NRO equities before we send them to the NSC for final disposition.

This e-mail represents interim guidance for treating the 303 Committee. I will change the RRG, but not before the change certification package, currently in Phase I coordination, is approved by the DNRO.

Any questions, give me a call.

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[redacted] in the retreatment of NRO/NRP Charter docs (IDRC00-0003) which we are completing, there is reference to a 303 Committee role (page 4 of the Agreement for Reorganization of the NRP).

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Section 1.2.2 para b. directs that "any info addressing the fact of the 303 Committee and its role in approving overflight reconnaissance operations" be referred to the NSC. This section is footnoted (26) to an IMG/IDRC discussion with [redacted] in Oct '98. (incidentally, there is no RRG footnote relating to the 303 committee).

I don't know why a question re handling the 303 Committee has not come up before, but I am almost certain that we have not previously referred document's containing ref to that Committee's role in approving overflights. In fact, as an example, on page 243 of the U-2 story (CIA & Overhead Recon) the 303 Committee (and its parentage) and its role are unredacted.

In any event, considering the date and the rather informal nature of the justification for taking action re the 303 Committee, I request that another look be taken at this guidance.

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