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DNRO ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 6

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for Task Group on Status of Effort
on Photographic Sensor Subsystem for a New Search/
Surveillance System

I. PURPOSE:

a. To provide information to the DNRO which he can use to assist him in determining actions at the camera contractors both before and during source selection. In accomplishing this purpose, the present and projected status of the effort on each of the designs of a photographic sensor subsystem under consideration for a new satellite search and surveillance system will be determined.

II. RESULTS DESIRED:

a. The results of this review will be summarized in a written report. This report will include, in a form which permits easy comparison, at least the following:

(1) Background: The funding, project objectives, direction, and authorization, manpower, etc., given to date. This background should only go back as far as pertinent (for example: prior effort on alternative design concepts is not required).

(2) Present status: The state, as of the date of the review, of system design, contractor analyses (lens, focus, film handling, synchronization drives, thermal, error budgets, etc); of tests, experiments, and/or breadboard demonstrations, hardware being assembled, etc. The report should clearly differentiate between tasks already completed, in progress, and those to be initiated.

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(3) Projected Status: The projected state of the project on January 1, February 1, March 1, and April 1, under conditions of level effort, previously planned effort (if up or down), and an acceleration of the contractor effort.

III. PROCEDURE:

a. This task will be accomplished by an ad hoc group composed of the following personnel:

Colonel D. L. Carter, NRO Staff, Chairman
Colonel H. C. Howard, NRO Staff, Member
Mr. L. C. Dirks, OSP CIA, Member
Mr. James McDonald, CSP CIA, Member
Major Maurice G. Burnett, SAFSP, Member
Mr. George Kelsey, SAFSP, Member

b. The group will meet at the call of the chairman at places he may designate. Participation by members in the activities of this Task Group will take precedence over all other assignments.

c. Task Group members may use other Government personnel as consultants, during the review, if desired.

d. The Task Group should keep in mind that this is a fact-finding undertaking. It is not a preliminary source selection, a technical analysis of the competitive designs, nor a judgment on the appropriateness of direction given to the contractor, or of contractor competence.

e. The Task Group will submit its report to the DNRO not later than 1500 hours, December 13, 1965.

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