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3 March 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
 Deputy Director for Plans
 Deputy Director for Science and
 Technology
 Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Imagery Study Group

1. I have appointed Mr. Roland S. Inlow as head of a CIA ad hoc Imagery Study Group. The purpose of the Imagery Study Group is to identify and develop a plan of action for coping with the wide variety of considerations involved in evaluating and planning for the impact which a near-real-time imaging satellite system would have on intelligence collection, processing, and production. Specifically, the Group should consider all the important aspects of the problem including technical options and feasibility, potential uses, costs, organization, procedures, facilities, equipment, manpower requirements, timing, and the like.

2. I have instructed Mr. Inlow to give me a report on his findings by 1 June 1969. This report will recommend topics for further study and propose an orderly program for coordinated planning and review of this matter.

3. Each Deputy Director will designate an officer as his principal point of contact to ensure that his Directorate gives full support to the Group.

4. The Imagery Study Group will be located in room GE-0444, telephone extensions: Black 7231, Red 9088. Mail should be addressed to room 6E-25.



L. K. WHITE
 Executive Director-Comptroller

cc: Mr. Bross
 Mr. Sheldon
 Mr. John Clarke

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3 March 1969

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ORGANIZATION

ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL

1. Mr. Roland S. Inlow has been designated Chairman of an ad hoc CIA Imagery Study Group established by the Executive Director-Comptroller. This is a full-time assignment for the duration of the study.

2. The following assignments are effective until further notice:

[redacted] Acting Deputy
Director of Strategic Research.

[redacted] Acting Chief,
Regional Analysis Division.

[redacted] Acting
Deputy Chief, Regional
Analysis Division.

[redacted] DDI Representative
to the Imagery Study Group.

Bruce C. Clarke, Jr.
BRUCE C. CLARKE, JR.
Director

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Group I
Excluded from automatic down-
grading and declassification

DATE: 18 February 69

TO: Jack

FROM: Ed

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted]

on [redacted]

REMARKS:

[redacted] says he has no problem with the light, weather, targets or leadtime factors in my memo on [redacted]. His major problem was with the cost figures I used. I told him I got them from the NRO draft paper. He said that he never saw it and besides it was not an official NRO paper; Flax never signed it; Flax was preparing a new paper. [redacted] is of the impression that the costs would be significantly less. He expects the "official" NRO paper within a week or two and will send me a copy as soon as he gets it.

I told him that the costs I used were for the most responsive type of real-time satellite that best fits the warning purpose. Cheaper, even less suitable for warning systems were included in the NRO paper and were cheaper. My main purpose, however, was to examine the best warning case for the system to see what the maximum we could expect would look like.

Nothing more on this can be done until we get the official NRO paper signed by FLAX.

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DATE: 3 March 69

TO: Jack

FROM: Ld

SUBJECT: Study and CSR changes

REMARKS:

Attached is a memo from Col. White which sets up the Study Group and assigns Inlow to it.

Also attached is an internal Office Notice announcing Hicks and others as ACTING. Although we could issue a Directorate Notice, I advise against it. I recommend no further action at this time.

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