



25 February 1965

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Itek Discussions with Dr. McMillan and Mr. Land

Walt Levison called me at my home last night at about 2000 hrs to advise me that he had met with Dr. McMillan and Mr. Land in the Polaroid factory late in the afternoon to announce the Itek corporate decision regarding FULCRUM. He said he had stated categorically that under no condition would the Corporation accept a follow-on FULCRUM contract.

Both Dr. McMillan and Mr. Land were "stunned" by this announcement. Dr. McMillan reminded Walt immediately of his own technical preference for the EK proposal. Walt replied that he was aware of this preference, that Dr. McMillan had advised him of this reaction previously, and that the Itek decision was made with the full knowledge that it would cut the Corporation out of additional satellite camera development within the near-term future. He stated that Itek felt it could not survive under the "domination of the CIA." He also referred to the CIA as fostering an "immoral environment" which was becoming increasingly unacceptable to Itek. Walt stated that Mr. Land's response, after a long silence, was "what will I tell my Committee?"

I congratulated Walt on a brave and honorable action and asked him to pass my comment to the Corporation president, Mr. Lindsay.

For further events surrounding this situation one should consult a memorandum for record prepared by Lt Colonel Howard, who was at the scene of the meeting during this period.

  
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