

9 November 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Backup Photographic Processing Capability

The letter from General Meyer (Tab A) acknowledges your decision to move a portion of the satellite reconnaissance photographic duplication function to the 544th ARTW. It also provides a point of contact for implementing this decision.

I have already met with SAC representatives and my staff is overseeing the necessary construction and movement plans. A detailed photo lab layout has been developed and is presently being costed out along with architectural and engineering (A&E) and construction schedules. Cost data will be available by 15 Nov for insertion into the FY 75 budget. It is anticipated that construction could begin in early FY 75, soon after military construction program (MCP) funds are approved. Necessary modification will consume approximately one year which indicates an occupancy and operational capability in late FY 76 for the new backup facility at SAC.

I have also asked the AFSPFF, Systems Command, and the Staff to develop a manning phase down plan by December 1973. We expect to start moving some people out early next year and should reduce the total manning at the AFSPFF to approximately one half by next summer. Evaluation functions will be moved to NPIC during the summer of 1975.

We have not yet formally notified the Intelligence Community of your decision and therefore have prepared for your signature a memorandum to the DCI which explains the decision to phase down and ultimately close the AFSPFF. This responds in part to the DCI's memorandum to you asking for ways in which NRP costs could be reduced (Tab B).

Recommend that you sign the memorandum at the right.

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