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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

1. The letter opposite to Vice Admiral de Poix confirms his request to participate in discussions of military requirements involving NRP systems outside the USIB structure.
2. Informal contact with the DIA element which staffed the 12 April letter (attached) indicated that no formal interface between the Director, DIA and Director, NRO was anticipated. The intent of the letter was merely to request acknowledgment of the DIA as the primary representative of tactical requirements and to assure DIA participation in discussions of such requirements outside the USIB structure.
3. Recommend you forward the letter opposite.

  
Colonel, USAF

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29 April 1974

Vice Admiral Vincent P. de Poix  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Vince:

In your letter of 12 April you indicated a desire for greater involvement in discussing issues that may affect the flow of operational signal intelligence to defense elements.

Our primary response to Community requirements is through the USIB and not directly to individual elements of the Community. I agree, however, that discussions of issues outside the USIB arena involving defense elements should include DIA participation. I feel most strongly that DIA representation in discussions defining needs of operating commanders as they relate to actions taken within the NRP will be of great assistance to the management of the NRP and to the DoD.

Your participation in future discussions of this nature is assured.

  
W. Plummer

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12 APR 1974

Honorable James W. Plummer  
Director  
National Reconnaissance Office  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Subsequent to our 22 March Breakfast discussion of requirements and review later that morning of the SIGINT requirements for NRP systems, I now understand the issues you discussed earlier with Lew Allen and Al Hall. Jack Kulpa and Lew Allen were most cooperative in subsequently providing my staff with the detailed background associated with those discussions.

Since the issues vitally affect the flow of operational signal intelligence to the U&S Commands and other Defense elements, I would appreciate the opportunity to participate in similar future discussions which affect the satisfaction of military requirements by NRP systems. I believe continued DIA participation in on-going NRP actions which affect DOD intelligence requirements to be in the best national interest and beneficial to both DIA and NRO. My objective is to ensure accurate representation of DOD requirements which, to a large degree, should dictate the design and application of NRP systems, particularly those designed to provide support to the operating commanders.

I would welcome the opportunity to expand on these thoughts with you at any time.

Sincerely,

V. P. de POIX  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Director

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