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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The attached is a redraft of a basis of understanding between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense relative to the National Reconnaissance Program. Secretary McNamara signed the original draft but Mr. Dulles felt that certain changes were desirable and also felt that he would prefer to have it in the form of a letter rather than a formal memorandum.

The only substantive change has to do with the designation of Dick Bissell and myself, acting jointly, as responsible for the program rather than the Director-Deputy Director relationship in the original memorandum which Mr. McNamara signed. The other changes were all minor.

Secretary McNamara has requested that you sign the new document, if agreeable. I enclose the original Memorandum of Understanding for reference should you desire to peruse it in detail.

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Joseph V. Charyk

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1. Orig. Memo of Understanding
2. Proposed ltr to Mr. Dulles
for signature, w/att org. chart

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