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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McCONE

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Office

Following up on our brief discussion this morning regarding Mr. McGeorge Bundy's memorandum of July 6, 1962, on the above subject, I agree that one way to make more satisfactory the "documentary basis" for the NRO, as recommended by the Killian Board in its June 24th report to the President, would be to add to the DoD/CIA agreement of May 2, 1962, provisions incorporating the substance of the following paragraph from the draft submitted to you with my letter of January 17, 1962:

"1. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense will jointly provide policy and program guidance and managerial direction for the NRP. The Secretary of Defense, acting as Executive Agent for the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency, will manage, operate and maintain the security of the NRP in accordance with the joint decisions of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense."

I also find that through oversight we did not furnish to the Killian Board a copy of the enclosed DoD directive on the subject of our May 2, 1962, agreement. This directive is part of the structure supporting the NRO.

As you suggested, it would be well if your General Counsel and Mr. Sells Harwitz, our Director for Organizational and Management Planning, jointly prepared a supplement to the May 2, 1962, agreement which would be responsive to the Killian Board's suggestion and which we could refer to in the report which we are required to furnish the President and to the Board by September 15, 1962.

Enclosure
DoD Directive
TS-5106.23 dat 4/14/62

cc: Dr. Charyk

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