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CARIBBEAN SURVEILLANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The objective of insuring a well-managed Caribbean surveillance program can be met best by designating a single executor for the function. This plan envisions the designation of the Secretary of Defense as the executor for the entire program, employing all of the resources of the government for the most efficient accomplishment of the task.

B. SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS

Figure 1 illustrates the details of an arrangement for managing Caribbean surveillance. It will be noted, both in this chart and the discussion which follows, that the arrangement is based largely on presently-established functions and procedures.

1. Requirements

National Caribbean surveillance requirements are developed by the U. S. Intelligence Board and furnished to the National Reconnaissance Office.

2. Program Management

As indicated in A., above, the Secretary of Defense is the single executor for Caribbean surveillance (specifically for ELINT, COMINT, and photographic data).

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3. Technical Responsibility

The National Reconnaissance Office will have its mission augmented - for the duration of the present emergency - to include technical responsibility for all intelligence collection in the Caribbean area (excepting agent activities), and all photographic data processing. Acting for the Secretary of Defense, the NRO will be responsible for receiving USIB requirements, and translating them to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the terms of the most effective and efficient technical collection methods and types of missions to be employed. In carrying out this responsibility the NRO will supervise the technical development, installation, testing, and evaluation of surveillance equipment, tasking governmental departments and agencies such as the NSA, Navy, Air Force, Army, CIA, etc., as necessary in this area. It will review operational plans continuously, analyzing them against the total requirement, eliminating deficiencies, and insuring that the proper equipment will be applied in carrying out the finally-approved plan.

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4. Program Recommendations and Approvals

The Special Group will continue to provide the necessary final program recommendations and approvals for Caribbean surveillance.

5. Operations

Caribbean surveillance operations will be carried out by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, drawing on the unified and specified commands for the support required.

6. Product Processing

The ELINT portion of the surveillance product will be processed by the NSA; the photo product will be processed at several locations, at the direction of the NRO.

7. Data Exploitation

Exploiting surveillance data will continue to be done by the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency. The results of this exploitation will generate new or revised requirements which will be placed with the USIB.

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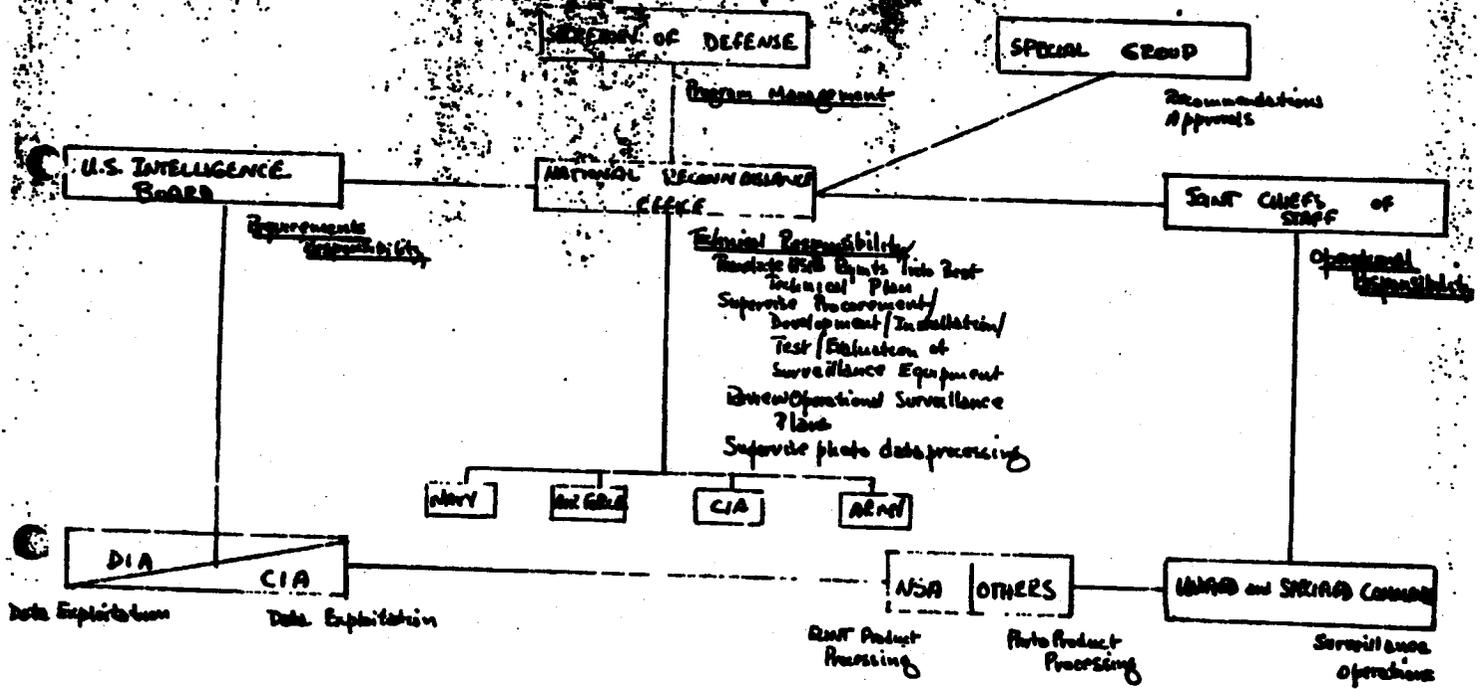
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C. ADVANTAGES OF THE PLAN

This management plan meets the recognized requirement for establishing a single point of responsibility for the Caribbean surveillance program. It meets this need without disrupting presently assigned functions and procedures, without the establishment of a new organization, and without the need for significant manpower augmentation.

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