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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

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**MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY McNAMARA**

Subsequent to our discussion of the management practices followed in the conduct of the CORONA project, I provided a briefing to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (FIAB) on January 30, 1964. This was in response to their request to be brought up-to-date on the status of a proposal to have a group of consultants examine the conduct by the Government and its contractors of this project.

After hearing a discussion of the present management arrangements, the FIAB specifically asked for my recommendations as to possible changes. After first explaining that my recommendations did not have approval from you or from the Director of Central Intelligence, I presented essentially the structure, policies, and actions outlined in my report to you of January 28, 1964. I propose at the earliest possible time to give the DCI a similar detailed briefing of my survey and recommendations.

As a first step toward enforcing better control of this project, I have issued the attached directive that sets out policy and objectives, and introduces procedures for keeping me more closely informed of proposed engineering changes. Further, I have scheduled a complete CORONA Technical Review for the 17th and 18th of February in which I intend to cover at a minimum all of the contractors' engineering efforts, now underway and proposed, having to do with the major components of this system.

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