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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

This memorandum provides some information requested at the meeting of 29 September, with some further background.

At the so-called advanced projects facility (A/P), Lockheed (LMS), under a number of CIA contracts, fabricates the forward structure of the CORONA orbital vehicle, installs the camera and film systems, and participates in an elaborate test program in which the camera contractor, and other elements of Lockheed and others under contract to the Air Force, also participate.

In addition to contracts covering fabrication and test, LMS has had a "systems engineering" contract covering the work of about 28 engineers at the A/P. The work statement of this contract calls out many engineering tasks. In gross summary, these detailed tasks have three objectives: to insure that all elements of the camera - spacecraft - re-entry vehicle system fit and operate together, to insure that test procedures support this objective, and to evaluate test and operating results to verify that the objective has been met.

During FY 1963 this systems engineering contract was with the Air Force. In FY 1964, it was transferred to the CIA, as contract [redacted] and administered by Mr. [redacted] CIA contracting officer serving in General Greer's organization.

General Greer has negotiated with LMS a contract to continue during FY 1965 the work covered by [redacted] in FY 1964. The work has been designated "systems integration" rather than "systems engineering" and the work statement reflects the existence of a contract with [redacted] for over-all systems engineering. The details [redacted] of tasks parallels

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...[redacted]... except for deletion of tasks to be done by  
...[redacted]... the provisions of ...[redacted]... one task is noted  
...[redacted]... specifically in response to a question raised on  
29 September.

One specific task in the work statement of ...[redacted]...  
worded substantially as follows:

"Witness acceptance tests of the Associate  
Contractors' deliverable end items, participate  
in the evaluation of the test data, as required,  
and make recommendations thereon to the Govern-  
ment."

In General Greer's proposed follow-on contract, as  
negotiated with IMSC, the last clause in the quote above,  
providing for recommendations to the Government, the word  
"Government" has been replaced by "Air Force".

If there is any concern about this task, General Greer  
and I agree that it can be deleted without damage to the  
primary objectives of the contract. Alternatively, the clause  
calling for recommendations can be deleted, or the reference  
to "Air Force" changed to "Government".

In connection with the question, whether the A/P facility  
can be used for General Greer's follow-on ...[redacted]... it  
should be noted the same IMSC engineering group has been doing  
essentially this same work at A/P for several years, sometimes  
under CIA contract and at other times under Air Force contract.

...[redacted]...

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