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FOR GENERAL GREER AND COLONEL LEDFORD FROM DR. MCILLAN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DCI AND  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 1964,  
THE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A, IS ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR CONTRACTING FOR THE SYSTEM ENGINEERING FUNCTION ON THE  
CORONA PROJECT. ACCORDINGLY, THE SE 1928 CONTRACT NOW HELD  
BY DIRECTOR, PROGRAM B, CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL BE ALLOWED TO  
EXPIRE.

DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A, IS AUTHORIZED TO INTRODUCE  
A GENERAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL  
FUNCTION CAPACITY. IN TAKING THIS ACTION, THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA  
WILL APPLY:

A. CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH LMSC MUST INSURE CON-  
TINUITY OF PROJECT EFFORT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE TOTAL SETO  
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A, LMSC,  
A/P, ITEK, AND GE HAVE BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED.

B. DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A, WILL ESTABLISH SUITABLE CONTRACT  
TERMS WITH LMSC TO INSURE CONTINUITY OF THE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION  
FUNCTION.

C. DIRECTOR, PROGRAM B, WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO  
INCORPORATE THE ENABLING CLAUSES IN THE EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH  
LMSC (A/P), ESOS, ITEK, AND GE AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BY DIRECTOR,  
PROGRAM A, DATED 2 JUNE 1964, APPLICABLE  
CONTRACTS.

DIRECTOR, PROGRAM B, WILL PRESENT PROPOSED WORK STATEMENTS  
AND A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SETO MANAGEMENT AND  
CONTRACTUAL STRUCTURE TO THE (S) DNRO FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO  
COMPLETING FINAL CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS.

DIRECTOR, PROGRAM B, WILL COMPLETE NECESSARY ACTION BY  
AUGUST 14, 1964, TO PROCESS CLEARANCES FOR [REDACTED] AND SAFSP  
PERSONNEL AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BY DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A.

PROVISIONS OF "OPERATING AND ENGINEERING OBJECTIVES FOR  
CORONA" DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1964, WILL REMAIN IN FORCE. IN  
PARTICULAR, ANY PROPOSED ENGINEERING CHANGES IN THE CORONA  
SYSTEM ARE TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY (S) DNRO.

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THE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A, IS ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR CONTRACTING FOR THE SYSTEM ENGINEERING FUNCTION ON THE  
CORONA PROJECT. ACCORDINGLY, THE [REDACTED] CONTRACT NOW HELD  
BY DIRECTOR, PROGRAM B, CONTRACTING OFFICE WILL BE ALLOWED TO  
EXPIRE.

[REDACTED] PROGRAM A, IS AUTHORIZED TO INTRODUCE [REDACTED]  
IN A GENERAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND TESTING  
DIRECTOR CAPACITY. IN TAKING THIS ACTION, THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA  
WILL APPLY:

A. CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH LMSC MUST INSURE CON-  
TINUITY OF PROJECT EFFORT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE TOTAL SETD  
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A, [REDACTED]  
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PROGRAM A, [REDACTED] DATED 2 JUNE 1964, APPLICABLE  
COMBINED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PROGRAM A, WILL PRESENT PROPOSED WORK STATEMENTS  
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NOTE - CIA Planning

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

On 12 August General Stewart reported the gist of a meeting which had been held on 11 August on the above subject. Participants at the meeting included Dr. Fubini, Dr. McMillan, Mr. McCone and Mr. Vance.

Mr. McCone stated that the CIA would not develop a unilateral systems engineering capability and said that he clearly understood it was the job of the Air Force to boost reconnaissance satellites to orbit and to operate and control them while on orbit.

In addition to the technology studies outlined in Mr. Vance's 29 July letter to Mr. McCone, Mr. McCone recommended that CIA do system design studies. These would be conducted under Mr. Maxie through contracts with industry in response to work statements prepared by the CIA. Apparently, Mr. Vance and Dr. McMillan agreed. However, they felt that SAFSP should participate in these studies and, in particular, in preparation of the work statements.

General Stewart then asked Colonel Worthman, Colonel Buzzard and myself to give him our thoughts on the criteria and ground rules which should be used in deciding on the orbital vehicle, and an analysis as to why the preparation of the work statements and the studies should be a joint effort by the CIA and (S)NRO.

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