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(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

September 10, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: DIA Participation in the NRP Executive Committee

General Bennett has suggested that it would be appropriate for him to serve as Military Intelligence Staff Advisor to the Chairman, ExCom. Mr. Packard has asked (TAB A) for your comments on the proposal.

General Bennett seeks direct representation of DIA/JCS views in the ExCom, particularly in issues which involve military operational requirements. As a voting member of USIB, General Bennett already contributes a military viewpoint in the formulation of collection requirements levied upon the NRO.

General Bennett's proposal raises a question regarding his role in the ExCom, as opposed to Mr. Froehlke's. As you know, Mr. Froehlke is essentially intelligence program and resource oriented. On the other hand, General Bennett, as the principal Military Intelligence Officer in DOD, is concerned primarily with specifying requirements. One must also keep in mind that within the existing structure Mr. Packard can task either Mr. Froehlke or General Bennett--or both--for staff assistance on specific NRP issues of substantive intelligence interest.

It is important to note also that General Bennett's association with the ExCom might open other doors. As you know, he recently asked for twenty-four permanent [REDACTED]

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billets for across-the-board access. He justified those billets upon his assessment of DIA's role in program and budget reviews of all intelligence programs, according to his interpretation of the desires of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. I believe you discussed this personally with Mr. Packard and concluded that DIA did not require the billets, since the NRO would not be included in such program reviews.

On balance, General Bennett could play a useful advisory role in the ExCom process. DOD advisory representation now is essentially technical in character, as fulfilled by Dr. Foster. General Bennett's intelligence expertise would complement Dr. Foster's R&D orientation. The addition of a Defense military intelligence voice to the Defense R&D voice would balance the two similar roles that Mr. Duckett simultaneously plays for CIA. General Bennett's views would be especially useful and timely in the evolving issue of tactical vs. national intelligence needs to be served by the NRP.

We feel, however, that General Bennett should approach his advisory role in coordination with Mr. Froehlike. Specifically Mr. Froehlike and General Bennett should jointly identify the specific issues where they feel input from the military intelligence perspective would be useful in ExCom decision-making.

We have prepared for your signature a memorandum (TAB B) to Mr. Packard, in which you concur in General Bennett's proposal and describe how his role could be incorporated in the ExCom process. You also provide for Mr. Packard's signature a separate memo to General Bennett, conveying approval of his proposal.

Recommendation: That you sign the memo at TAB B.

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Major, USAF

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