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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

January 15, 1964

Dear Bud,

The statement from [redacted] 594-63 which you cite in your letter of January 10, 1964, identifies in the FY 65 budget a possible source of funds for use should a [redacted] satellite development be undertaken. The statement is on the management responsibility for such a development.

The Director, Program B, has not been assigned responsibility for development of a [redacted] satellite. A previous claim to the contrary was dealt with [redacted] 729-63, dated 1 June 1963. No decisions or actions since that date have changed the situation.

In fact, there is no program for development of a [redacted] satellite, and no assignment at all has been made of responsibility for such a program. It is my conviction - and I had thought that you and I were in agreement on this - that some rather basic studies of requirements, as well as technical studies, were needed before a program could even be well enough defined to be considered for undertaking. My letter of December 20, 1963, asks you, rather than the Director, Program B, to assume responsibility for some of these studies.

It is my belief that studies specifically directed toward a [redacted] system must be paralleled by studies of other requirements and of other possible systems before a decision to develop a [redacted] system can rationally be made. Some of these other studies are now under way. I will discuss them and possible further ones with you and Dr. Fubini during February.

Sincerely,

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3. Gen Greer
4. RF-1

Signed

Brockway McMillan
Director

International Reconnaissance Office

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