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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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THE NRO STAFF

September 25, 1969

Dear Dr. Schlesinger:

During the latter part of August, Mr. Charles Sorrels of your staff met with us to arrange an itinerary for his visit beginning on September 2 and extending over a four week period to our NRO Program Office in Los Angeles, to several NRO contractors on the West Coast and East Coast and to several NRP activities such as [REDACTED] and the TAGBOARD Field Office at Beale Air Force Base.

The visits by Mr. Sorrels to these various locations have been accomplished quite satisfactorily, with the single exception of his visit on Wednesday, September 24, to the Itek Corporation in Boston.

In the earlier arrangements for these visits, Mr. Sorrels advised Dr. Naka that his visit to the Itek Corporation would be for the purpose of discussing [REDACTED]. Accordingly, we arranged for representatives of both the [REDACTED] to accompany Mr. Sorrels on this particular portion of his itinerary. After his arrival at Itek on September 24, Mr. Sorrels announced his desire to discuss at Itek [REDACTED] effort, but [REDACTED] the Itek effort in the CORONA program. This, of course, placed our NRO representatives in an extremely awkward position and necessitated several telephone exchanges among these representatives, the appropriate NRO Program Offices and this Staff in securing an authorization for the additional discussions.



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Our prime concern, of course, is that the visits to NRO activities by members of your staff be arranged and conducted in such a way as to be most meaningful and responsive to your needs and minimally disruptive to the efforts of our contractors and field organizations. It is extremely difficult in situations such as the one I have outlined to satisfy these concerns.

I respectfully request that, in all future proposed visits of this nature, we be apprised, in advance, of the specific subjects to be discussed in order that the visits may be accomplished in a convenient and productive manner.

Sincerely,

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