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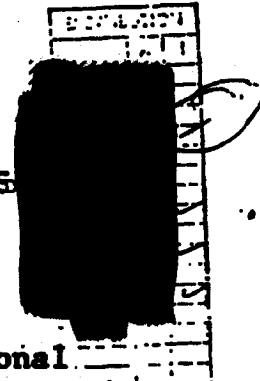
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THE NRO STAFF

20 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, NRO PROGRAM A ←  
DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS  
DIRECTOR, NRO PROGRAM C



SUBJECT: SIGINT 5-Year Plan

Annually, the USIB issues Guidance for the National Reconnaissance SIGINT Program. This guidance addresses the forthcoming five year period with emphasis on the next fiscal year. The 5-Year Plan is the official intelligence requirements basis for NRP SIGINT programs. A copy of the current document covering FY-1974 through FY-1978 with approving notes is enclosed.

I believe that your comments on the 5-Year Plan will be highly valuable in formulating future NRP actions and in assisting USIB preparation of next year's guidance. Due to its late receipt, the current plan will have little formal impact on the FY-1974 NRP. However, we maintained close contact with USIB during the drafting of the 5-Year Plan and, insofar as possible, considered the requirements in developing the FY-1974 budget. I will press for timely issuance of next year's guidance.

It is requested that you review the attached plan to:

- a. identify those specific requirements which your current programs are fulfilling either in whole or in part;
- b. identify those specific requirements which you believe could be satisfied by additions or modification to current programs or by developing new programs; and
- c. suggest specific improvements in content, format, or removal of ambiguities in next year's 5-Year Plan.

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Please keep in mind that the 5-Year Plan contains specific requirements for the collecting, processing, and reporting of SIGINT data. The research and development sections, however, are oriented to general guidance and do not involve the same level of commitment as the specific requirements.

Your preliminary comments on items a and b are desired by 15 July. Final comments on all three items are desired by 15 September. Your comments and those from other program offices will be consolidated and considered in future program actions.

It is not proposed that you accomplish the above by assigning a study contract and releasing the 5-Year Plan to either government or civilian contractors. Rather, it is proposed that a small scale internal staff study be done.



Brigadier General, USAF  
Director

1 attachment  
5-Year Plan, FY 74-78 .

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