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For several months we have been working on a reorganization of the NRO Staff in connection with reorganizations of the Headquarters elements in the Department of Defense as directed by the President. The purpose of the reorganization is to reduce the number of organizational elements, reduce the number of people assigned to Headquarters functions, and to improve the operation of the NRO Staff.

The policy-making element of the NRO shall be the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, with the advice of the NRO Management Council. The DNRO will chair the Council whose members shall be the Deputy Director NRO, the Director of the NRO Staff, and the Directors of Programs A, B, and C. The Council shall meet at least four times a year and will formulate the programs and policies of the NRO.

The NRO Staff will comprise three major elements:

1. The Directorate of Liaison and Administration will serve as the staff interface on policy and administration matters between the NRO and other members of the Executive Department (e.g., NASA, NSC, and ACDA), provide administrative support for the NRO headquarters, and assist the DNRO with security policy, procedures, and practices. The Directorate will oversee the management of all secure communications for the NRP. The Directorate will also serve as the focal point for the NRO on all public information matters.

2. The Directorate of Programs and Budget will assist the DNRO in formulating fiscal guidance to the Program Offices, developing the NRP budget and implementing the fiscal program of the NRP. They will maintain interface with the Congress and programming and budgeting elements of the Executive Department.

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3. The Directorate of Systems and Technology will function as the technical monitor for programs and as the consultant on program status to NRO customers and the NRO Program Offices. They will provide representation to DCI committees and other technical committee functions.

In addition to the NRO Staff reorganization, an NRO office is established to explore the tactical utilization of national reconnaissance satellites. This office will comprise a small element located within the Pentagon, together with representatives from the NRO Program Offices. The Chief of this office will report directly to the DNRO.

Recognizing the problems created by remote location, a small East Coast office of the NRO Program A is established. The functions of this office will provide the Director of Program A representation to support Washington-based activities, to keep the Director of Program A informed about these activities, and to provide certain Program A operations and ~~ILLEGIBLE~~ by the NRO Staff which can better be ~~ILLEGIBLE~~ Program A.

The NRO Staff continues as a part of the Secretariat and the unclassified ~~ILLEGIBLE~~ SA/SS and S/AS, remain unchanged. The new ~~ILLEGIBLE~~ are also unclassified. In addition, for unclassified purposes, the IEXC's office is designated the "Directorate for Operational Exploitation of Space Systems."

The changes outlined in this memorandum will become effective on Monday, 1 April 1978.

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