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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTELLIGENCE)

SUBJECT: NRP Residual Air Vehicle Assets

As you are aware, nine OXCART (A-12) aircraft and 17 TAGBOARD (D-21) drone reconnaissance vehicles and associated spares, subsystems, cameras and ground support equipment have been in permanent storage since the 1968 and 1971 time frames, respectively. These NRP residual assets have an acquisition value approximating [redacted] and are [redacted]

In view of the ExCom's previous position on air vehicles, the improbable NRO requirement for these assets, and the potential application for selected items (engines and cameras) within the USAF/DOD inventory, I propose to initiate the following NRO inventory liquidation actions:

a. Dispose of all OXCART and TAGBOARD assets, with the exception of air vehicles, over a 24-month period, commencing as soon as possible. The priority order for transferring items on a demand basis will be (1) SR-71 program; (2) other USAF/DOD activities; (3) [redacted] equipment pool, and (4) salvage.

b. Develop a plan providing for the ultimate disposal of OXCART and TAGBOARD air vehicles. I believe separate action is necessary for these assets due to the unique security and cost problems associated with this aspect of liquidation. I would envision purging these assets from the inventory during FY77.

I request your concurrence in these proposed actions.

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