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July 24, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. E. COLBY, CIA

SUBJECT: Objectives for the Intelligence Community

This is in response to your memorandum of June 29, 1973 (DCI/IC-73-0299/15).

I support fully the objectives and actions outlined in your draft memorandum to the President. I have no changes to recommend, but offer the following comments for consideration in implementation of your plans. As you are aware, the National Reconnaissance Program has been one of the largest single intelligence programs for over a decade. It has evolved to the point where today it has been said to be the single most important intelligence collection program. In conjunction with implementing your intelligence community objectives, I would like to look at ways in which the NRP can better contribute to the overall intelligence mission.

One way I believe we can contribute is through a strong voice in resources allocation. NRO membership on the USIB and its committees has given us a forum in the past, and I believe we should continue to sit there. But I believe we can make a valuable contribution through membership on the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee. Your plans for the IRAC strengthen my convictions. I suggest that the DNRO be a member of the IRAC, with additional representation in IRAC activities as appropriate. For example, membership on the proposed R&D Advisory Council of IRAC is a place where I feel we have potential for significant input.

Involvement on the IRAC would permit a more meaningful analysis of the NRP inputs to the National Intelligence Program Budget. As a major program director, I believe the DNRO must be vitally concerned with the NRP elements in the NIPB.

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Tactical intelligence inputs are another area where the NRP can contribute significantly. We already have taken some steps in the area of making the products of NRP collectors more readily available for tactical applications. More must be done.

Finally, because of changes which have occurred and those which will result from carrying out your objectives, I believe we must update the management structure within which the National Reconnaissance Program operates. I will be pleased to discuss these thoughts in more detail with you and your staff.

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John L. McLucas

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