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24 October 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: Program C Membership on the NRO R&D Advisory Council

RADM Geiger has requested that the Director, Program C, be granted membership on the NRO R&D Advisory Council (TAB A).

In response to RADM Geiger's arguments for representation, the main reasons that the Director, Program C, was not invited to participate on the recently established R&D Advisory Council are as follows:

- a. The R&D Council provides broad guidance on NRP related R&D. It does not allocate specific resources.
- b. The NRP R&D capability and efforts have centered in Program A and Program B. Program A covers Program C interests in Ocean Surveillance, Tactical ELINT, etc.
- c. The NRO Staff and advisors maintain cognizance of planned and on-going Navy "White" effort of interest.

However, in retrospect, it appears that Director, Program C, might be able to contribute some additional information on Navy efforts which would be of benefit to Advisory Council deliberations and ensure adequate exchange of NRP-Navy information to prevent unnecessary duplication. Such participation would not mean an automatic cut of the NRP R&D pie. Program C would have to justify any proposed NRP efforts which would be judged by the NRO Staff on its own merits.

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Hence, I recommend you concur in RADM Geiger's request with certain caveats by signing the memorandum at the right.

HAROLD P. WHEELER, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Director

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, PROGRAM C

SUBJECT: NRO Research & Development Advisory Council

I have reviewed your request for membership on the NRO R&D Advisory Council.

As you noted, the Navy is active in some R&D areas of interest to the NRP. I am aware of Navy participation in the Support R&D Program through the annual R&D Review and recognize that your office has been the point of contact for Navy "White" R&D efforts.

The NRO R&D Council is chartered to provide broad guidance to the NRP and as such could benefit from information on Navy efforts of related or common NRP interest. As such, I believe your participation on the Council would be of mutual benefit and thereby concur in your participation. As a matter of policy the Council does not allocate near-term resources or approve specific R&D efforts. Specific R&D efforts are reviewed on a yearly basis by the NRO Staff and are submitted to me for approval.

J. W. Plummer

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