Colonel Quiggins:

There is a copy of this in each Reading File - also, a copy has been given to Mr [redacted] and one sent over to SSC today.

P.S. I'll file in Security: Public Info OK?

YES  NO
March

See note from Gin Martin - PAS do.

Rob
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(PUBLIC AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Washington Post Article dated 8 December 1963

Reference: a. Memo for SecDef, 12 Dec 63
b. DOD Directive 5145.2, 19 Jan 61
c. CIA/DOD Agreement, 13 Mar 63

My memorandum to the Secretary of Defense (reference a. - a copy of which was provided your office as B77-6377-63) was returned with a notation by Mr. McNamara, assuring that we work directly with one another to resolve this matter.

My primary concern is that routine processing of public informational matters involving satellite and/or aircraft overflight reconnaissance, in compliance with paragraph VII. C. of reference b., could jeopardize the security of the (TS)-National Reconnaissance Program.

In view of the responsibilities assigned under reference c., and the special security arrangements provided for the projects involved, I propose that the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) work directly with the Director, National Reconnaissance Office on all public informational matters pertaining to programs within the purview of the National Reconnaissance Program.

Under this arrangement, the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, would be responsible for administering the actions necessary to determine if security violations are involved on news items or other disclosures in the public realm which refer either directly or by inference to the National Reconnaissance Program or projects.

Assuming that this arrangement meets with your approval, I propose that it be implemented immediately.

Concur:

[Signature]

Asst Secy of Def (PA)

[Signature]

Director
National Reconnaissance Office