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Dear Dr. Lukasik:

Since our January 19th meeting, members of our staffs have been working together to investigate the feasibility and mechanics of mutual cooperation in those areas of our research programs which have similar goals. We have identified several technology areas and specific projects which are of interest to the NRP. We would encourage ARPA carrying on work in these areas, with the understanding that, if proven feasible, the NRO would endeavor to assume responsibility for further work at an appropriate point in the development cycle. We would propose that goals and specifications for each project be established at the outset through coordination between NRO and ARPA, and that close liaison be maintained throughout the projects.

We realize that security is a potential problem in undertaking such cooperative efforts. However, we are convinced that security is a poor argument for two government agencies spending taxpayers' dollars on nearly duplicate technology efforts. We are also convinced that, with proper safeguards and the genuine efforts of the people involved, we can profitably conduct cooperative programs without breaching necessary security. Accordingly, we propose the following operating principles to minimize security problems:

- a. ARPA will conduct new ~~contracts~~ contracts, but will protect projects within normal security channels as appropriate.
- b. The general areas of mutual interest are areas of technology, or are concerned with development of specific devices.
- c. System design and development, sensor integration, hardware procurement and similar tasks, which must be ~~performed~~ will be performed by the NRO.

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d. Liaison and coordination between ARPA and the NRO will be performed by [REDACTED] cleared personnel.

My Staff has prepared a list (attached) of projects in any of which we would welcome ARPA interest. We realize that not all of the projects can be undertaken at once, but feel that a good start could be made this year on those which are of the most interest to ARPA.

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