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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Dr. Steininger, PSAC Staff  
Mr. Duckett, DD/S&T, CIA  
NSA Representative  
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SUBJECT:

Reconnaissance Planning Group

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Attached for your information and records is the exchange of correspondence between the Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. Helms, and the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, Dr. Flax, with regard to the establishment of the Reconnaissance Planning Group. Attached to Mr. Helms's letter are the approved Terms of Reference for the Group. As you will notice from Dr. Flax's letter, I am charged to proceed with implementation of these Terms of Reference.

The first meeting of the Group will be on Monday, February 12, 1968, at 2 p.m. and I look forward to seeing you in my office at that time. In anticipation of that meeting I am distributing a proposal for the establishment of target dates by which time annually the NRO would receive authoritative requirements guidance from the USIB to be compatible with financial/budget decision timing. It seems to me this is one of the most pressing problems which needs sorting out looking toward the improvement of overall NRP planning.

At this first meeting, let us review the Terms of Reference and identify the problems to which we should turn our attention and their order of priority. Would you give

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this your careful consideration. May I suggest that you set your preliminary thoughts to paper prior to this first meeting.

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James Q. Reber  
Chairman  
Reconnaissance Planning Group

**Attachments**

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cc: Mr. John Hughes, DIA  
Gen. [REDACTED] D/NRO Staff.

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