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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Singel,

Here is some input
to your Security Committee
paper. I have rewritten
it to eliminate some and
be more pointed in recommenda-
tions.

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in paren's should be resolved
so that we have only one
position - They could be resolved
in general committee -

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

SUBJECT: Review of Security Requirements for
the National Reconnaissance Program

This report responds to tasking by the DCI and the DNRO for a review of BYEMAN security policy and practice to determine the need for continuing such tight security controls in today's environment. A group chaired by the DDNRO accomplished the review. The review group examined the policy and procedures of the BYEMAN System in relation to the national policy on space; application in the Government and industry; the information in the public domain; perceived desires of the Congress and press for information about the NRP; implementation of Executive Order 11652; modification of TALENT-KEYHOLE Control System; disarmament negotiations; programs of NASA interacting with the United Nations; and finally, needs of the U.S. civil agencies for BYEMAN material.

During the review it was noted that the BYEMAN System has been remarkably successful in its application in protecting a unique and relatively long-lived program. It was also noted

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that the industrial sector has been relatively more effectively controlled than the Government sector. Of most significance, however, the BYEMAN System was found to have afforded a high degree of stability to the streamlined management structure as well as affording overall security control. Notwithstanding the imperative to continue the NRP unimpeded, some operational changes to the BYEMAN System appear to be warranted.

Recommendations

1. The DCI and the Director, NRO, encourage the NSAM 156 Committee to review the present U.S. national reconnaissance policy as it relates to the global perceptions of NASA's programs, arms control, and U.S. civil requirements.
2. The DCI and the Director, NRO, favorably consider modifying the BYEMAN System to permit SIGINT and/or photo access approval for Government personnel who have a "must-know" for BYEMAN information.
3. The application of the BYEMAN System to the industrial sector remain unchanged.
4. The Director of Security, CIA, be requested to implement the changes. (NOTE: The CIA member would prefer

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to implement a blanket BYEMAN Governmental access which would not discriminate by electronic or photographic project.)

5. The DCI and the Director, NRO, consider issuing a response to press queries about the NRO, but the issuance should be accomplished only after contact is made first with Senate and House leaders. Such responses are appropriate, of no consequence to the viability of the NRP, and should be permitted to be used by Defense, State, CIA, and White House spokesmen following appropriate security briefings.

6. The DCI and the Director, NRO, favorably consider use of a detailed but generally worded briefing on the NRO to an expanded number of appropriate members of Congress (see Tab A to the attached study).

7. The DCI and the Director, NRO, continue to consider that the tenets of Executive Order 11652 are satisfied by the current employment of the BYEMAN Control System. Decompartmentation or declassification of elements of BYEMAN affected by the modifications to the TK System will be implemented in accordance with E.O. 11652. (The CIA member believes that certain aspects of the BYEMAN Control System are abusive of

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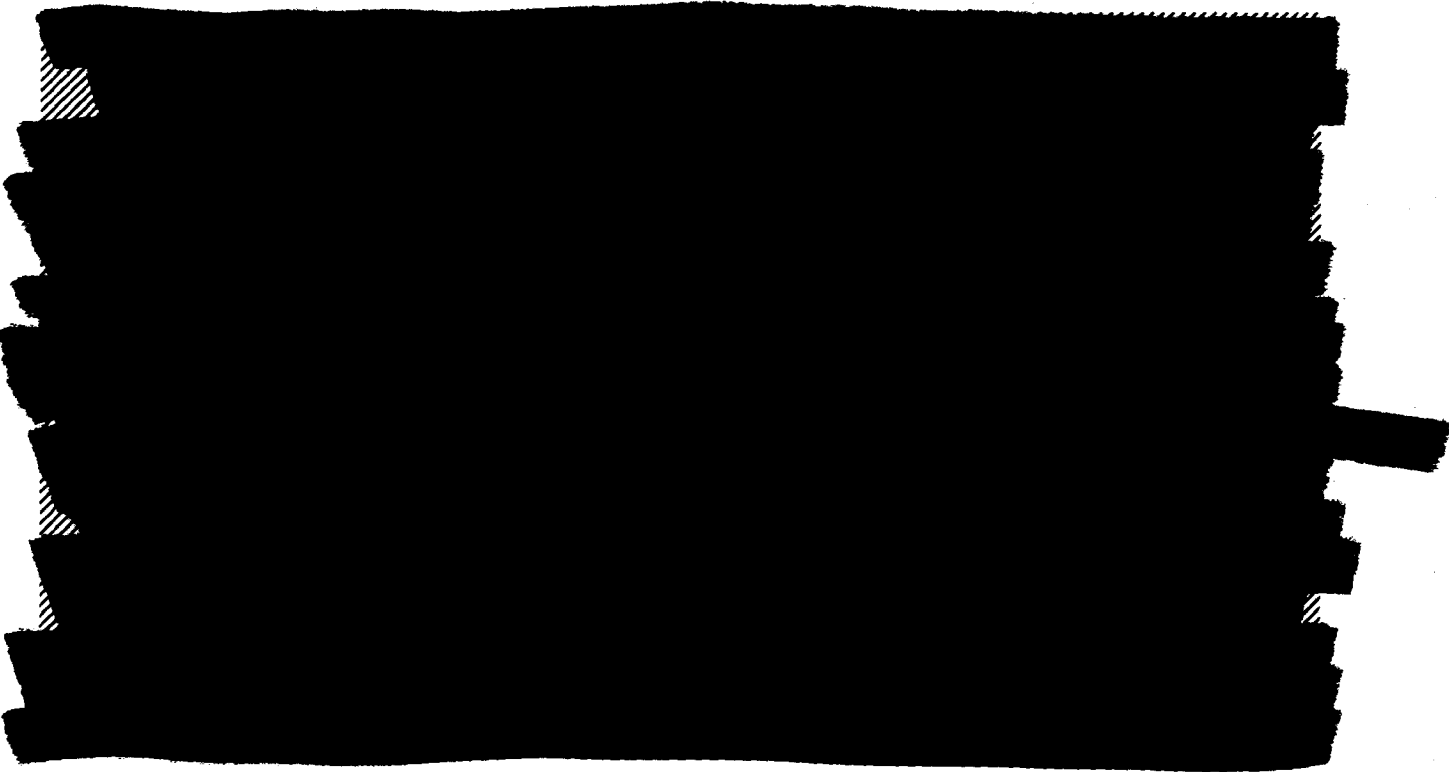
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Executive Order 11652--specifically, the use of only Secret and Top Secret within the BYEMAN system and the specific compartmenting of project codewords.)

Robert D. Singel

Attachment
Report on the Review of the
BYEMAN Security Control System



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