

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

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Gen Kules -

Here is the letter to
the program Directors
regarding contractor talks
with outside people.

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SUBJECT: Visits to Contractors

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CONCURRENCE
INFORMATION**

**KULPA: SIGNATURE:
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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THE NRO STAFF

15 October 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A
DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS
DIRECTOR, PROGRAM C
DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

SUBJECT: Visits to Contractors

I have learned of recent instances where senior NRO contractor officials have contacted senior government officials for the purpose of holding [redacted] conversations and have suggested visits to contractor [redacted] facilities. These arrangements have been committed to without prior approval of the involved program office.

I request that you reaffirm to your contractors the need for rigorous observation of [redacted] procedures. Individuals not directly associated with the NRO should be introduced into [redacted] matters with contractors only through the program offices. Likewise, visit arrangements for non-NRO personnel should be initiated through the NRO Staff or the program office as appropriate. Political or marketing motives for such meetings should be discouraged.

At the present time this is particularly important since there are changes to present security arrangements being staffed which may lead to some confusion in present NRO contractor relationships. Should the "fact of" the satellite photographic reconnaissance program be decompartmented to DOD SECRET, as has been proposed to the President, increased contractor marketing activities outside of established channels could result unless we continue to maintain firm control.

[redacted]
John A. [redacted], Jr.
Brigadier General, USAF
Director

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