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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Scheduling of Reconnaissance Flights  
(Meeting with ASD(I), 4 April 73)**

1. We agreed that, whenever possible, requests for approval of special flights would be handled through the current quick reaction procedures of the 40 Committee. For a CIA-generated IDEALIST request, DDS&T/OSA, with DCI approval, will notify NRO and JRC by existing procedures of the proposed flight plan and then members of the 40 Committee by appropriate expeditious means:

2. DOD also expressed concern about the situation in which a more general report is submitted to higher authority which embodies recommendations which are likely to lead to immediate requests for action. In such cases, e.g. the Carver committee report to WSAG, ASD(I) would like the DCI to judge if action is imminent and notify DOD so planning could commence, e.g. SR-71 overflight or IDEALIST support. This request is motivated by frustration with the occasions in which CIA is better informed than DOD regarding likely action requests and gets a major head start on planning. While this frustration is understandable, I stated I could not commit the DCI to such notification

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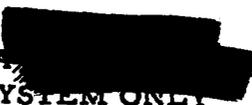
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as a practical matter. We will attempt to insure that DOD representation is appropriate on such committees and that the DOD member is kept informed of progress and estimates of outcome. DDS&T, when appropriate, will inform the DNRO and the JRC when initiating such anticipatory flight planning.

  
Lew Allen, Jr.  
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