MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF RECONNAISSANCE, CIA


Reference is made to our recent discussion concerning varying practices among the NRP Program Directors in their application of security measures to study, Applied Research, and Advanced Development Projects, in essence, research and development programs short of operational system developments.

I would appreciate your making arrangements with the Director of Security, CIA, to examine this area of concern and provide me with advice as to how a more suitable security procedure might be developed. More specifically, a proposed program is desired which facilitates communications between NRO Project Offices and their contractors (particularly when their contracts are supervised by different government agencies), is as consistent as practicable in its applications, and of course properly safeguards the security of the NRP. I do not believe that it is either necessary or desirable to establish completely uniform detailed procedures in order to accomplish this; rather a definition of broad policies and guidelines appropriate to such procedures is needed.

I have requested the NRO Staff Security Officer to assist in this review and to insure full cooperation of appropriate elements of the NRO.

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cc: Director, SAFSP