SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
ORDER

SUBJECT: Organization and Functions of the Air Force
Satellite Photographic Processing Laboratory

1. There is hereby established the Air Force Satellite
Photographic Processing Laboratory (AFSPPL) at Westover Air
Force Base, Massachusetts.

2. The Laboratory will be under the command of the
Director of the SAMOS Project, 2400 East El Segundo Boulevard,
El Segundo, California. It will be attached to the Air Force
Command and Control Development Division, Air Research and
Development Command, L. G. Hanscom Field, Massachusetts, for
administrative, logistic, and contractual support.

3. The mission of the AFSPPL will be to conduct the
research and development necessary to provide the best possible
equipment, techniques, and knowledge applicable to satellite
photography, to insure that the processing and duplication of
photography obtained from satellite vehicles is of the highest
possible quality, and to process, duplicate, and distribute
this photography to designated users.

4. Physical space and some resources and manning for the
AFSPPL will be taken from the 8th Reconnaissance Technical
Squadron. The 8th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron will
remain as a separate unit, with the AFSPPL having priority over all resources. Actual transfer of spaces, manpower, and other resources will follow approval of a detailed plan to be submitted to the Secretary of the Air Force by the Director of the SAMOS Project.

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