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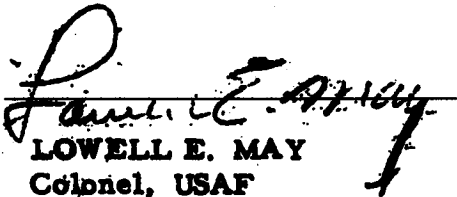
29 June 1960

F R O M: Satellite Intelligence Requirements Committee

S U B J: Transmittal of Intelligence Requirements for Satellite Reconnaissance Systems of which SAMOS is an Example

T O: SECRETARY, United States Intelligence Board

1. Attached hereto is a revised copy of the subject requirement with recommended changes made by the USIB on 28 June 1960.
2. These revised requirements were originally the Intelligence Requirements for SENTRY dated 10 November 1958 which were forwarded by the ACS/Intelligence, USAF to ARPA, ARDC, BMD and SAC and are at present the basis for the SAMOS research and development program.
3. In the interest of imparting a great degree of impetus and restating the utmost concern of the community for the early employment of a reconnaissance satellite, it is recommended the attached letter, subject: Intelligence Requirements for Satellite Reconnaissance Systems of which SAMOS is an Example, be signed and forwarded to the Secretary of Defense. *


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Colonel, USAF
Chairman, Satellite Intelligence
Requirements Committee

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*The OSD, SIRC member suggests that the attached letter be forwarded to the OSD member of USIB rather than to the Secretary of Defense.

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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates
The Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The United States Intelligence Board has considered two major areas relating to the development and employment of the SAMOS reconnaissance system. The first of these areas is the consolidation of the general intelligence requirements of the various departments, services and agencies of the United States to serve as the overall basis for the SAMOS system development. The second of these areas is to establish priorities for the system developers and for the employment of the SAMOS system in the development stage during the 1961-1962 time period. These requirements and priorities are set forth in the attached paper entitled: "Intelligence Requirements for Satellite Reconnaissance Systems of which SAMOS is an Example".

The fulfillment of these requirements as expressed is considered critical to the security of the United States, this is also evidenced by the national priority established for SAMOS.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Chairman

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