POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE ASSISTANT FOR MOL, NRO STAFF

This position is established in the office of the Director, NRO Staff and located physically in the office of the Vice Director, MOL, for the purpose of assuring that all activities in which there is joint participation or interest by the NRO and the MOL Program have proper staff supervision. The position is necessary because the MOL Program, while designed to meet some of the NRP objectives, is not, per se, a part of the NRP in the same management sense as the other satellite reconnaissance programs. Since the Secretary of the Air Force is the final reviewing authority on MOL program management, with principal representations coming from both the Director, MOL, and the DNRO, an interface staff position is a logical solution to the conduct of transactions involving both staffs. The scope of the position includes all staff functions related to those responsibilities within the MOL Program held by the DNRO and to those responsibilities within the NRP held by the Director, MOL.

Within the MOL Program, the Director, National Reconnaissance Office has the responsibility:

a. To provide guidelines and requirements relating to the NRP.

b. To establish intelligence collection tasks.

c. To provide the principal working interface for MOL with the intelligence community.
d. To develop, acquire and test the high-resolution photographic sensor payload.

e. To develop the elements necessary for using the MOL sensor in unmanned systems.

f. To conduct studies of improved sensors and research on improved sensor technology applicable to MOL.

g. To correct any imbalance between MOL sensor activities and those of other NRP programs.

h. To develop software directly involved with selecting camera programs and reconnaissance orbit profiles.

i. To accomplish black contracting services.

j. To control DORIAN security policies and procedures and to process security clearances.

k. To assist and advise the Director, MOL, as required.

The Assistant for MOL will perform staff duties relating to all these responsibilities.

Within the NRP, the Director, MOL Program has the responsibility:

a. To provide system integration requirements and interface specifications for the photographic sensor payload.

b. To provide schedule requirements for the photographic sensor payload.

c. To conduct mission operations, including planning for and exercise of on-orbit control of vehicle and reconnaissance payload in response to intelligence collection tasks established by the DNRO.
d. To defend the black portions of the MOL budget and apportionment requests before appropriate approval authorities.

e. To prepare PCP's for MOL black funding.

f. To initiate reclamas relating to MOL black budget actions.

g. To implement established DORIAN security procedures for activities under his control.

The Assistant for MOL will perform staff duties relating to all these responsibilities.

The duties of the Assistant for MOL include the following specifics:

a. He is eligible to attend the staff meetings of the (Vice) Director, MOL, and the Director, NRO staff.

b. He is a mandatory point of coordination for all written material directed from SAFSSL to the DNRO or to the NRO staff.

c. He is a mandatory point of coordination for all written material directed from SAFSS to the (Vice) Director, MOL or to his staff.

d. He is a mandatory point of coordination on all directives to the Deputy Director, MOL, which have relation to NRP affairs.

e. He is a mandatory point of coordination on all directives to the Director, SAFSP, which have relation to MOL affairs.

f. He is authorized to initiate tasks with appropriate elements of both staffs on matters of joint MOL - NRO interest.
h. He keeps the Vice Director, MOL, informed on related NRO matters and the Director, NRO Staff, informed on related MOL matters.

i. He coordinates on all financial matters involving NRO responsibilities in the MOL program.

j. He prepares the MOL portions of NRO reports as required.

k. He is a mandatory point of coordination on matters of concern to the NRO involving contacts between MOL and the State Department, ACDA, the United Nations, NASA, the Executive Department and the release of public information.

l. He is a mandatory point of coordination on all interfaces between MOL and the intelligence community.

m. He will maintain currency on planned and approved intelligence targets, priorities and requirements.

n. He will perform other duties as prescribed by the Vice Director, MOL, and the Director, NRO staff.