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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: CIA Comments Concerning Alternative
Management Arrangements for the
New Photographic Satellite Search
and Surveillance System

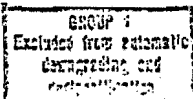
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1. I have your request of 27 October for comments on the alternative management arrangements for the New Search and Surveillance System and welcome the opportunity to do so.
2. There are two basic choices before us, the first is how to divide the responsibilities for development of the payload and, secondly, the way in which the Air Force and CIA will collaborate in executing assigned responsibilities for the program. Should you decide upon a single project director to manage the new project then a third decision emerges, namely, whether the Agency or the Air Force should have primary responsibility for it.
3. The most important factor to be considered in carrying forth programs under the new National Reconnaissance Program is the desire of both the DOD and the CIA to insure that the full and creative participation of each organization is totally exercised as responsible contributors.
4. A review of the various NRP satellite reconnaissance projects readily demonstrates the magnitude of the Air Force's efforts since it remains totally responsible for GAMBIT, G-3, [REDACTED] QUILL,

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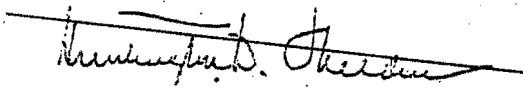
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structural view point the interface between the SM and the OCM is little different than the interface between the OCM and the booster, but it is clearly not essential that the OCM contract be given to the booster contractor. With respect to systems integration, it may well be more economical and expedient when the overall hardware flow is examined in detail to assign this function to the booster contractor. While we are not pleading any particular arrangement, we do recommend that these determinations be left, with Director, NRO concurrence, to the program management.


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