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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NRO
DIRECTOR, NRO STAFF
DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

In accordance with NRO ^{AGREEMENT} Directive dated 13 March 1963, the determination has been made to assign Project TAGBOARD to the Director, Program D.

The following conditions will apply:

- a. This project will remain within the purview of the NRO and be considered a covert, clandestine, and completely black activity throughout the construction, test, and operational phases. Awareness of this project will be on the strictest need-to-know basis.
- b. All activities pertaining to this project will be carried on at Area 51 which will also serve as the prime operational base.
- c. The CIA, through the Office of Special Activities, will continue to provide contractual support.
- d. Necessary funding will be programmed through and provided by the NRO Comptroller.
- e. Support procedures for the A-12/R-12 programs will be utilized to the maximum extent possible.
- f. Project interface and/or coordination will be maintained on a continuing basis between the Program Director and the Chief, Development Division, OSA, DD/R.

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Signed

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After thorough discussion and deliberation, I have made the decision to sign the attached directive relative to TAGBOARD. The overriding consideration in my opinion is that this program is of vital interest to the military, and in accordance with all of our planning will have a direct application to systems under direct military control.

/s/ Brock

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