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

In accordance with NRO 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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