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December 14, 1962

Dear Mr. Ball:

I have received a copy of Mr. McGone's letter to you of 13 December relative to those items within the NRP which are considered to be a CIA responsibility.

A rapid perusal of the items indicates some inconsistency between my concept of the relative responsibilities between Defense and CIA but time has not permitted a thorough comparison of figures and discussion of the items. In any event, as you know, I have felt that the total NRP should be considered as a single program in order to achieve the greatest measure of economy, efficiency and flexibility. Since the proposed course of action is not compatible with my understanding of the matter in which the total program would be administered, I would like to have the opportunity to consult with Secretary McNamara upon his return before providing you with detailed comments on the listed items.

As you know, my office has been in direct contact with your new office established for the purpose of providing complete coordination in this area and if the total program is to be divided in this fashion, I think it would be desirable for me to modify my earlier submission to them in order to insure compatibility and consistency.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Joseph V. Charyk
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

Honorable David E. Bell
Director
Bureau of the Budget

cc: Secretary McNamara
Secretary Gilpatric
Director, CIA

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Honorable David E. Bell
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

The purpose of this letter is to set forth procedures to govern CIA's responsibility for funding covert projects for which it has management responsibility under the NRO agreement:

(1) The budget for the programs of NRP for which CIA has management responsibility will be initially formulated within CIA and will then be coordinated with NRO and be approved by DNRO.

(2) CIA will continue to include in its budget submission a request for new obligational authority adequate to finance those covert overhead reconnaissance programs for which the Agency has management responsibility under the NRO.

(3) The DNRO with appropriate CIA representation will explain and justify to the Bureau of the Budget the over-all budget for NRP. Within the program levels approved by DNRO and in coordination with DNRO, CIA will provide detailed explanation and justification of the budget request for those programs for which it has management responsibility under NRO.



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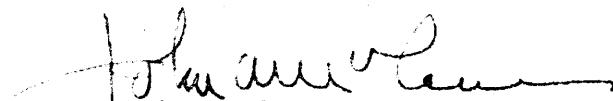
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(4) CIA will continue to secure appropriations from Congress to fund those covert overhead reconnaissance programs for which it has management responsibility under NRO. CIA will explain and justify these programs to the special subcommittees of Congress concerned with the CIA budget in accord with existing procedures.

(5) Funds appropriated to CIA which were justified for covert programs included within the NRP will not be diverted to purposes not related to the NRP.

Sincerely,



John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence

Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense

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