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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

The Air Force is hereby directed to terminate the MOL Program except for those camera system elements useful for incorporation into an unmanned satellite system optimized to use the TITAN III D. Directions to MOL contractors should be issued on Tuesday morning, June 10, at which time we will also notify the Congress and make a public statement that MOL is cancelled.

Close-out costs for MOL, which I understand are approximately \$75 million more than is now available to the MOL Program, should be included in the unclassified FY 70 Air Force budget. An additional [redacted] should be included in classified NRP portions of the FY 70 Air Force budget. This will provide for development of the camera system at a reduced pace, for competition for a new spacecraft, and for possible initiation of system development late in FY 70.

All future work on the camera and an unmanned system will be part of the NRP. As a security measure, appropriate elements of the MOL Project Offices and the camera system contracts should be transferred to the Air Force NRP Special Projects Offices at an early date. Overt MOL activities should be phased out in conjunction with the closeout of MOL Program activities.

A plan for development of the unmanned system should be submitted to the Executive Committee by August 1. This plan should include proposed system performance, cost, and schedules. Other than continuing the camera system development at a reduced rate, no new work should be initiated until this review.

cc: Mr. Helms
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