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MEMORANDUM FROM: Office of Research and Development  
Office of Special Activities

25X1A2g SUBJECT : System Program Directive for [REDACTED]

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2. Office of Special Activities, DD/SST, is directed to provide operational support for the development and test phases and to plan for eventual Agency use of the multi-sensor system as an overflight intelligence collection capability. Because of the sensitive nature of Agency overflight operations, OSA will provide [REDACTED] and will assume security guidance and control during the system integration and all subsequent phases. Until it proves unnecessary to do otherwise, [REDACTED] will not be included in the [REDACTED] system, but will, nevertheless, be afforded the same close security control.

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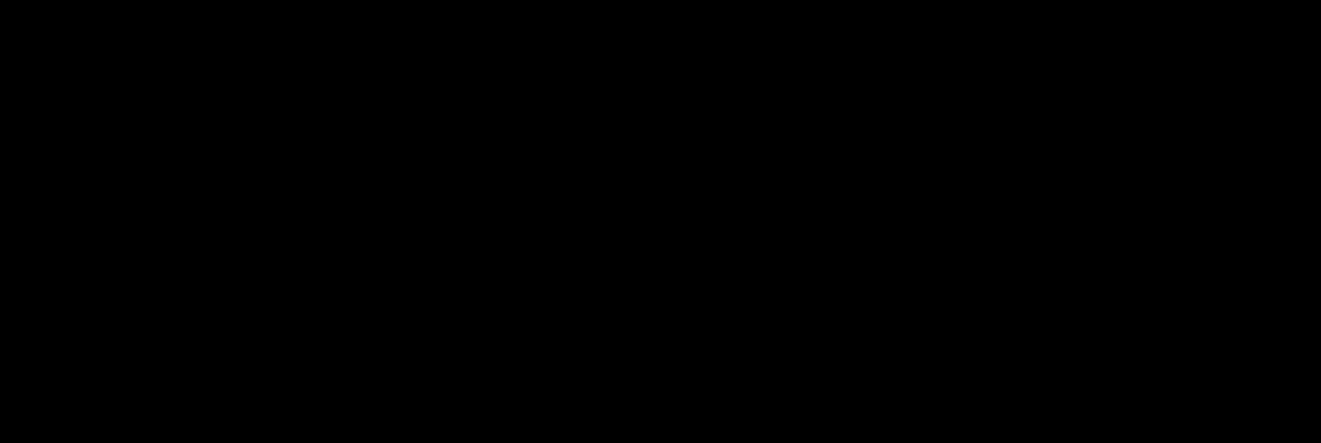
3. This program has been funded by a Bureau of the Budget allocation of [REDACTED] to the Agency to accomplish the development and initial test phases. Further budget requests for funds to operate the system as an Agency asset, to modify or add second-generation equipment, or to adapt the basic system design to special problems of potential users outside the Agency will be directed to appropriate sources as the need arises. It is recognized that both the wide range of capabilities being provided and the national interest require that maximum use be made of the system. Close coordination is to be maintained with those DOD components who concurred in Agency development of the concept, and others who are identified during the program as potential users, with the understanding that parts of the Agency multi-sensor technology may contribute to their specialized needs.

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3. Aggressive management and cost effectiveness procedures will be used on this program. Because of the probable wide-spread application of this technique to needs of other government agencies, a complete record of the technical basis for development and the results of the initial test programs will be kept. OSA will cooperate with OMD in the preparation of appropriate documentation, such as a System Package Program, so that development, test, evaluations, and replication can proceed in a valid and logical manner. The System Package Program will include preliminary operational estimates and planning factors based on the assumption that OSA will integrate this airborne system into an existing OSA project, to provide a basic long-term Agency capability in this specialized field of overflight collection.

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