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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy for Materiel, OSA
SUBJECT : IDEALIST J-75 Engine Inspection

1. On 22 July Kelly Johnson commented that he hoped that a "ramp" was being used to support the weight of the man required to inspect installed J-75 engines, required under a recent procedure established following the last U-2 loss at [redacted] Kelly remarked that the U-2 structure in the tailpipe region is very light in weight and delicate. He was particularly worried about the possibility of springing the round U-2 structure in the tailpipe area if proper consideration is not given to preventing damage to the U-2 during the inspection procedure.

2. Kelly admitted he did not know what procedure is being followed now to prevent damage to the U-2 structure in the tailpipe region.

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Deputy for
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Special Activities

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