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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project IDEALIST, System XIII-C

1. This memorandum is prepared to record the gist of conversations between Programs Staff/OSA and Field Activities/OSA concerning the operational requirement and resulting need of System XIII-Cs as part of the electronic subsystems of Project IDEALIST.

2. [redacted], representing Deputy for Field Activities/OSA, confirmed that Field Activities has reviewed the operational factors and has concluded that System XIII-C is required to conduct IDEALIST overflights. Moreover, an extensive review within the Offices of ELINT and Communications by representatives of OSA Communications and Field Electronics Division, has not determined a negative evaluation of System XIII-C. [redacted] further indicated that as quickly as possible the present systems (Subsystem XIII-As) will be retired and therefore the current procurement of four proposed units (XIII-Cs) costing [redacted] is just the first increment of a proposed fifteen-system buy (estimated total [redacted] as the IDEALIST inventory is returned to a fleet of ten aircraft.

3. It was agreed future procurement requests of this magnitude will be processed through the principal Deputy Directors responsible for or directly concerned with such requirements and the appropriate Flight Test and Configuration Evaluation Control Board.

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