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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Officer, DD/S&T

**SUBJECT :** Delegation of OSA/DD/S&T Contracting Officer's Authority

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1. It is recommended that the proposed delegation of contracting authority from the DCI to [redacted] vice [redacted] be forwarded for approval as written. This recommendation is based on the fact that the [redacted] Report will undoubtedly have an impact on the subject of contracting authority, and further, Col. White has previously expressed an opinion on this subject.

2. Among other recommendations, the [redacted] Report suggests:

"a. that a Special Assistant to the DDS be assigned overall responsibility for Agency procurement

b. that responsibility for all R&D procurement activities, with the exception of TSD contracts, be centralized in a procurement office under DD/S&T."

Should these recommendations be implemented in whole or in part, they will most certainly have a bearing on the delegation of contracting officer authority within the Agency and on the inherent responsibilities attached to such delegations.

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3. On 20 October 1965, Col. White addressed a memorandum to Dr. Wheelon concurring with a delegation of contracting authority from [redacted] to [redacted] in OSP on

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an interim basis. Because a survey on industrial security and procurement was then being conducted by the Inspector General, Col. White felt that final decisions on centralizing authority in these areas should await the findings of the I.G.

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4. It is accordingly recommended that no changes be made in the present arrangement for the delegation of contracting authority to Mr. [REDACTED], OSA/DD/S&T, pending evaluation of the [REDACTED] study.

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