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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Reconnaissance/CIA

SUBJECT : Identification of NRP Information
that May be Handled in Other than
[REDACTED] Control Channels

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REFERENCES : [REDACTED] 56927/66 (attached)
[REDACTED] 56929/66 (attached)

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1. The attached proposal from the Special Security Center, prepared in recent months in cooperation with security representatives of OSA and OSP, now has the full endorsement of senior officials of these two Offices. With your concurrence it will be forwarded for the approval of the D/NRO and ultimate publication as policy via a COMOR Directive.

2. Historically, the proposal stems from a DIA suggestion that certain [REDACTED] information of particular importance to requirements programmers, end product exploiters, and administrative types be parcelled out and protected under a new security compartmentation system to operate concomitantly with the [REDACTED] and TALENT Systems. While the DIA suggestion was totally unpopular with the CIA representatives who met to discuss it, the underlying problem was also recognized. Simply stated the problem appeared to be that too many people, largely from DIA and NPIC, had been and are being processed for [REDACTED] operational approvals whose information needs are modest, static, and mainly related to the basic vital statistics of an operational capability. The CIA group countered the DIA suggestion with the idea that the kinds of information involved be enumerated and, in an appropriate policy paper, be programmed for immediate or

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eventual release from the [REDACTED] System into the TALENT Security Control System. The DIA representatives came to share the CIA group's view that avoidance of another system was desirable and that protection under TALENT with its strikingly similar security standards to [REDACTED] would afford the information involved proper safekeeping.

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3. To protect the interests of project managers of the NRP, the task force built into the paper several checks and balance safeguards:

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a) A dichotomy is presented under which some items of [REDACTED] information are automatically releaseable into TALENT but all others (noted by asterisks) may be released into TALENT only with D/NRO approval following coordination with Directors of Program Offices.

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b) The Director of Security, CIA, will generally monitor all [REDACTED] to TALENT transitions for aircraft/drone information and all [REDACTED] to TALENT/KEYHOLE transitions for satellite information.

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4. With one modification, this Directorate recommends your concurrence with the policy presented in [REDACTED] 56927. It is suggested that the Director of Security/CIA be requested to provide your Office with reports following publication of the COMDR Directive which, on a semiannual basis, will summarize the total [REDACTED] to TALENT flow over the period and provide reassurance, based on these reviews, that [REDACTED] operational security has not suffered setbacks because of it.

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Attachments:

[REDACTED] 56929/66 cy #1

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