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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer/DESS&T

SUBJECT : Special Access Approvals for the White House

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1. The attached request for approval of across-the-board access for key White House Staffers represents the first formal action taken under the concept approved by the DD/SEC&T and the DCI. As the Director of Security points out, there will be further action of this type from other areas of the Executive Branch of the Government.

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2. You may find excerpts from previous correspondence helpful:

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Memorandum to Secretary McNamara from Admiral Baborn -

"I have established a access approval for high level policy-making Government Officials and Consultants who are determined by the Secretary of Defense, the DFRG, or the DCI to require access to all current and future overhead reconnaissance projects. . . . This blanket approval will eliminate considerable administrative detail and paper work for these Government Officials and Consultants without sacrificing security . . ."

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Memorandum to the Director of Security from Dr. Whealon -

"Your proposal to establish a clearance for the most senior level government officials is very desirable because it eliminates the irritation of constant security briefings on individual projects."

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3. The is not envisioned as a new special clearance. It is a medium to establish the concept that certain high officials, by virtue of their responsibilities, are predetermined to require across-the-board access to the National Reconnaissance Program. It will be

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necessary, of course, to play down the term [redacted] in order to prevent its becoming a sought after status symbol. With this in mind, the compartmented information center has been instructed to certify these individuals as having access to all current [redacted] Projects rather than recording and certifying them as [redacted]

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4. All [redacted] will be handled by one individual in the Office of Security who will work closely with this Directorate to ensure adequate controls. He will also, and I feel this is equally important, ascertain and relay to this Directorate any desires expressed by these individuals for substantive technical briefings.

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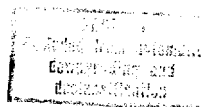
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