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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, OSA

SUBJECT: Funding Request for the FY-70 Continuation of the Concept Evaluation Phase of an Advanced Aerodynamic Reconnaissance System

REFERENCE: (A) [Redacted] dated 25 November 1968
(B) [Redacted] dated 17 December 1968
(C) Briefing to D/NRO on 19 November 1969

1. This memorandum is a request for authorization for the expenditure of [Redacted] to pursue the Concept Evaluation Phase of an Advanced Aerodynamic Reconnaissance System. This is a continuation of the FY-69 effort requested by Reference (A) and approved by Reference (B).

2. The results of the FY-69 effort as presented at the Reference (C) briefing concluded that there are two potentially viable flight regimes for overflight of the Soviet Union in the 1975-1980 time period. These two regimes are:

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3. Consistent with the two viable regimes and required maneuverability, the study evolved numerous vehicle preliminary design options. Both manned and unmanned concepts were considered.

4. As indicated in the Reference (C) briefing, the FY-69 study represented the initial effort only and considerable meaningful investigations remain to be done. Although it is not intended that the requested [Redacted] for FY-70 will be sufficient to conduct all of the projected follow-on studies, some representative examples, not in order of priority, are presented in Attachment 1.

5. It is requested that funds in the amount of [Redacted] be allocated to CIA, for use in FY-70, for the continuation of the Concept Evaluation Phase of an Advanced Aerodynamic Reconnaissance System.

NRO review(s) completed.

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