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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology**

**SUBJECT: Assignment of DDS&T Responsibility  
for Computer Support to Satellite  
Reconnaissance Programs**

1. Paragraph 6 of this memorandum contains a recommendation for your concurrence.

2. The DDS&T currently retains a limited responsibility for computer support to satellite programs. This responsibility is now assigned to the Office of Special Activities. OSA maintains an operational capability to run a selected list of programs as back-up to other responsible agencies. OSA also responds to requests for program development and modification coming from the Satellite Operations Center. As the Office of Special Projects has been assigned the major roll in satellite activities within the DDS&T, it is appropriate that the allocation of responsibility for computer support to satellite programs be reviewed. The recommendations that follow below have grown out of a series of discussions on this subject between OSA and OSP.

3. It is recommended that the responsibility for the development and modification of computer programs to be used in support of satellite operations or related studies, be assigned to the Office of Special Projects. OSP will respond to the requirements of the SCC and the operational satellite programs as appropriate. OSP will prepare the specifications for new programs as well as the specifications for modification of

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existing programs and direct the implementation of these specifications. OSP will assume the responsibility for the accuracy of all programs developed under its direction.

4. It is also recommended that the Office of Special Activities retain the responsibility for running satellite related programs when they become part of the operational library. The complement of programs to be retained in the operational library will be determined by OSP subject to coordination with OSA and any other concerned agency. In general, OSA will have the responsibility for taking input data supplied by the using agency, running the programs, and supplying the output data to the using agency. When new programs are added to the operational library or existing programs modified, OSP will supply detailed operating instructions to OSA. Procedures for tasking operational programs will be established by OSP with OSA concurrence. OSA will continue to support OSP with programmers for various specialized equipments and with computer operators for limited program check-out. This arrangement is particularly appropriate in the light of the capability of OSA to respond to operational requirements on a 24 hour basis and the convenience of the current arrangement of communications and digital data transmission facilities.

5. The responsible OSA component is the Automation Division. The Chief, Automation Division will continue to report through the OSA organization to Director, OSA.

6. It is recommended that you concur with the realignment of responsibilities outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4.

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Concur with the recommendation contained in Paragraph 6:

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