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NRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held August 4, 1967
Office of Deputy Secretary of Defense
Room 3E 928, The Pentagon
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Members Present

Mr. Paul H. Nitze Deputy Secretary of Defense
Mr. Richard Helms Director of Central Intelligence
Dr. Donald F. Hornig* Special Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology

Others Present

Dr. Alexander H. Flax Director, National Reconnaissance
Office, Ex Officio
Mr. James Q. Reber Secretary, NRP Executive Committee
Ex Officio

Dr. Finn J. Larsen DDR&E
Mr. Robert N. Anthony Asst. Sec. Def. (Comptroller)
Vice Adm. Rufus Taylor* DDCI
CIA
Mr. Carl E. Duckett CIA
Dr. Donald Steininger PSAC Staff
Col. Clason B. Saunders** Director, NRO Program D
NRO Comptroller
Brig. Gen. Russell A. Berg Director, NRO Staff

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*Present for first half of meeting.
**Present to brief on SR-71 only.

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In opening the meeting, Secretary Nitze suggested that another meeting be held in the period between August 22 and 25 to discuss the proposals for [redacted]

[redacted] It was tentatively agreed to hold the meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 23. (The Secretary of the Executive Committee subsequently confirmed with the respective offices that the meeting would be at 3 p.m. on that

NRO and USAF reviews completed.

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day.) Later in the meeting during the discussion of budget allocations it was also agreed to have presented at that same time a status review on the TAGBOARD as requested by Mr. Helms.

Briefing on SR-71

Colonel Saunders, at the request of the DNRO, briefed the Committee on the status of the SR-71. The conclusion of Colonel Saunders was that the SR-71 will be operationally ready by December 1, 1967, for Kadena deployment. He said that Category 2 testing had been completed and that Category 3 testing will be concluded by October 1. The mission summary will be available to the Executive Committee. He gave special attention to the progress on [redacted] which will be installed before the end of September in three operationally-ready aircraft.

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In his discussion of the status of the SR-71, Colonel Saunders indicated items on which improvement efforts are underway but which are not factors bearing upon the operational readiness.

Concern was expressed by both Mr. Helms and Dr. Hornig that an assessment of the operational readiness of the SR-71 be possible before the point of no return is reached in the phase out of the OXCART. It was agreed that October 1 probably represented the latest time when a final decision relative to a delay in phase out would have to be made.

Review of 1968 Budget Allocations

(Ref: NRP Financial Programs for 1967 and 1968;
July 28, 1967; [redacted])

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At the request of the DNRO the NRO Comptroller, [redacted] displayed summary charts drawn from the subject reference and explained project-by-project the status of the various programs and activities as between the President's Budget, the Field Submissions, and the DNRO Initial Approvals.

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James Q. Reber
Secretary
NRP Executive Committee

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