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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: IDEALIST Paper for Presentation to the 40 Committee

1. In a discussion with Carl Duckett on this date, he explained the origin of the need for this paper as being an outgrowth of a discussion between Colonel White and Mr. Helms relative to the position which Mr. Helms should take on a continuation of the IDEALIST program. In response to Colonel White's prodding for a position, Mr. Helms responded, "have the guys get a paper together and we'll go back to the 40 Committee".

2. Mr. Duckett directed that the paper be formatted in the regular 40 Committee format but that it contain "no" recommendation. It should be an objective paper of the capabilities of the project and include something relative to the approval by the President as a contingency capability as well as its political importance in relation to the [Redacted]. When completed it should be coordinated by OSA with the organizations listed in Colonel White's original memo.

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3. The paper will go in draft form to Dr. Steininger with a request from Mr. Duckett that he take it to Colonel White for the following decisions:

a. Should the paper contain a recommendation as to the continuation of the U-2 program?

b. Should the document originate with Carl Duckett, as has previously been the case, or should it originate with Dr. McLucas?

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