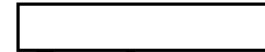


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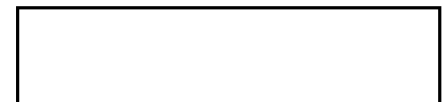
and utilization of CIA communications services and facilities which are employed solely and primarily for NRP matters". We would strongly recommend that a CIA communications officer be assigned to the office of Assistant for Communications to ensure smooth coordination between CIA and other Government agencies as they affect the NRO communications system.

d. Deputy for Operations - The implication in the last paragraph is that the functions of the Deputy for Operations will include those now being carried out by AFRDR (General Geary). While we are not against change and are certainly not saying that it would not work under the proposed set up, the least that can be said for it is that in the past it has been a very smooth running operation and that the responsiveness of AFRDR has always been exceptionally timely and of a most cooperative and constructive manner. The other implication in the description of these functions is that it would place the NRO Staff in the position of passing judgment on what our (DOD) requirements are in support of the NRO.

e. Deputy for R&D - In my judgment, the Deputy for R&D should not be responsible for reviewing all R&D programs proposed by the various Program Directors who have technically competent staffs for just this purpose. To permit detailed review of each proposed program from a technical viewpoint, as a matter of charter, allows too much authority within a staff function and would certainly impede timely reaction to requirements. Briefly, I would view the function as one of coordination to avoid duplication and technical review only as requested by the DNRO/DDNRO.

f. Deputy for Plans, Policy, and Resources - Although it may be implicit in the second paragraph of this functions statement, I recommend the following change to make it more

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explicit: "This staff handles public information matters of concern to the D/NRO * (in coordination with the DCI and consistent with security policy established by the DCI.)"



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