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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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14 June 1962

**MEMORANDUM FOR** The Secretary of the Army  
The Secretary of the Navy  
The Secretary of the Air Force  
The Director of Defense Research & Engineering  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)  
The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)  
The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Dep Dir)  
The General Counsel  
The Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense  
The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
The Director, National Security Agency

**SUBJECT:** (TS) DOD-CIA Agreement

The attached agreement between the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence on responsibilities of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office, dated 2 May 1962, supersedes Secretary of Defense memorandum of 6 September 1961 entitled (TS) "Assistant for Reconnaissance" and its attached DOD-CIA Agreement entitled "Management of the National Reconnaissance Program," dated 6 September 1961.

All Department of Defense satellite and overflight photographic reconnaissance, mapping, geodesy and electronic signal collection projects will be handled in accordance with the attached agreement, and existing project assignments will be brought into conformity and present conflicting directives will be revised at the earliest date. In order to ensure full compliance with the terms and intent of the Agreement, the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the heads of other DOD components will carefully monitor their departmental programs so as to avoid conflict with the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program which is the exclusive responsibility of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office.

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The establishment and general management philosophy of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office are covered by the attached Top Secret DOD Directive, subject, (S) National Reconnaissance Office. The (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office is designated by the attached Secret memorandum of the Secretary of Defense entitled, (S) National Reconnaissance Office.

The (TS) National Reconnaissance Program does not include peripheral reconnaissance activities. These remain the responsibilities of the Military Departments. However, the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office is responsible for establishing and maintaining a suitable interface between the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program and such peripheral reconnaissance activities, and for coordinating those activities with the projects of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office.

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1. DOD-CIA Agreement  
dtd 2 May 62 re NRO
2. DOD Dir. TS-5105.23  
dtd 14 June 62

Signed  
Roswell Gilpatric  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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## Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT (S) National Reconnaissance Office

### I. GENERAL

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense and the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, including the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, a (S) National Reconnaissance Office is hereby established as an operating agency of the Department of Defense, under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of Defense.

### II. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

The (S) National Reconnaissance Office will be organized separately within the Department of Defense under a (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office, appointed by the Secretary of Defense. The Director will be responsible for consolidation of all Department of Defense satellite and air vehicle overflight projects for intelligence, geodesy and mapping photography and electronic signal collection into a single program, defined as the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program, and for the complete management and conduct of this Program in accordance with policy guidance and decisions of the Secretary of Defense.

### III. RELATIONSHIPS

A. In carrying out his responsibilities for the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program, the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office shall:

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1. Keep the Director of Defense Research and Engineering and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) personally informed on a regular basis on the status of projects of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program.
  2. Similarly inform other Department of Defense personnel as he may determine necessary in the course of carrying out specific project matters.
  3. Establish appropriate interfaces between the (S) National Reconnaissance Office and the United States Intelligence Board, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Agency.
  4. Where appropriate, make use of qualified personnel of services and agencies of the Department of Defense as full time members of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office.
- B. Officials of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, military departments, and other DOD agencies shall provide support within their respective fields of responsibility, to the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office as may be necessary for the Director to carry out his assigned responsibilities and functions. Streamlined management procedures will be utilized whereby individual project directors will report directly to the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office. The (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office will be given support as required from normal staff elements of the military departments and agencies concerned, although these staff elements will not participate in these project matters except as he specifically requests, and these projects will not be subject to normal Department of Defense staff review.

#### IV. AUTHORITIES

- A. The (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office, in connection with his assigned responsibilities for the

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(S) National Reconnaissance Office and the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program, is hereby specifically delegated authority to:

1. Organize, staff, and supervise the (S) National Reconnaissance Office.
  2. Establish, manage and conduct the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program.
  3. Assist the Secretary of Defense in the supervision of aircraft, drone and satellite reconnaissance, mapping and geodesy matters, including both photographic and electronic signal projects, and be his direct representative on these matters both within and outside the Department of Defense.
  4. Review all Department of Defense budget requests and expenditures for any items falling within the definition of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program, including studies and preliminary research and development of components and techniques to support such existing or future projects.
- B. Other authorities specifically delegated to the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office by the Secretary of Defense will be referenced in numbered enclosures to this directive.

#### V. PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS

All projects falling within the definition of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program are assigned to that program and will be managed as outlined herein unless specific exception is made by the (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office. Announcements of any such exceptions will be made by numbered enclosures to this directive.

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VI. SECURITY

The (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office will establish the security procedures to be followed for all matters of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program, including suitable unclassified names and functions to protect all elements of the (S) National Reconnaissance Office.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective upon publication.

[Redacted Signature Box]

Acting Secretary of Defense

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The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
The Director, National Security Agency

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**Reference:** Department of Defense Directive No. TS- 5105.23  
**subject:** (S) National Reconnaissance Office, dated  
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In addition to his other duties, the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Joseph V. Charyk, is hereby designated (S) Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Signed  
Roswell Gilpatric  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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