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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

As you know, there are several major decisions required in the near future which affect our National Photographic Reconnaissance Program. I have been encouraged that through Dr. Hornig's office the technical feasibility skills of Dr. Land's Panel have been brought to bear on this program. We are now facing the problem of assessing the technical inputs, the expected effectiveness, the time phasing, and the costs of alternatives so that we may make the best program decisions.

To help meet this need, I propose setting up an ad hoc group, headed by a leader of unquestioned repute, such as Richard M. Bissell, Jr., to work with the Office of National Intelligence Program Evaluation. The three or four members of this group must be primarily skilled in systems evaluation but also knowledgeable in intelligence objectives and methods. I solicit the services of one of your Senior Systems Analysts from Dr. Enthoven's staff.

In addition, for the evaluation of alternative courses of action, access to program information will be necessary. I am sure that with such access, the group will furnish us with a necessary ingredient for our decisions.

I will insure that status reports will be furnished you of the group's progress, and hope, from time to time, to receive your reactions and suggestions for better reaching our common goal.

Sincerely,

W. F. Raborn

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