

NRO review(s) completed.

4 July 1964

The Honorable Brockway McMillan
Director, National Reconnaissance Office
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brock:

This letter is to confirm my understanding that, as a result of your memorandum of 29 June on conversion kits and the Director's letter of 13 June on the same subject, it has been agreed between us that prior to the commitment of any FY 1965 funds for this project, the Director of Central Intelligence will be fully briefed and his approval obtained for such expenditure.

If the foregoing is not in conformity with our agreement, please let me know. I understand you are scheduling the briefing for next week, and I have alerted appropriate members of the staff to be available with the Director and me for this briefing.

Faithfully yours,

^{1/1} Pat
Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

1 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

Reference

1. I have just received your memorandum of 29 June informing the Secretary of Defense and the Director, Central Intelligence Agency that you have decided to proceed with the design and procurement of four conversion kits to make the CORONA payload and the [redacted] at an estimated FY 1965 cost of [redacted]

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2. In your similarly addressed memorandum of May 25th you suggested that such a proposal was feasible and that you were completing an analysis of the costs and of the offsetting advantages before determining whether to proceed. On 13 June the Director of Central Intelligence wrote you personally, noting your memorandum of May 25th and expressing his interest in the results of your analysis. He expressed his concern as to the additional costs, and the availability of the ATLAS-AGENA combinations. He asked that you inform him when the study is finished "so that we can reach a conclusion."

3. Accordingly, prior to the commitment of any FY 1965 funds for this project, it is desired that the study and analysis you have made be presented to the Director of Central Intelligence so that the proposal may be evaluated by him.

[redacted]
Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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cc: Secretary of Defense
Deputy Secretary of Defense

M/R: not sent - I called McMillan, reminded him of June 13 letter - he had forgotten it - called me back and laid on briefing for next week. See M/R of telephone conversation.

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