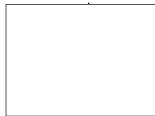


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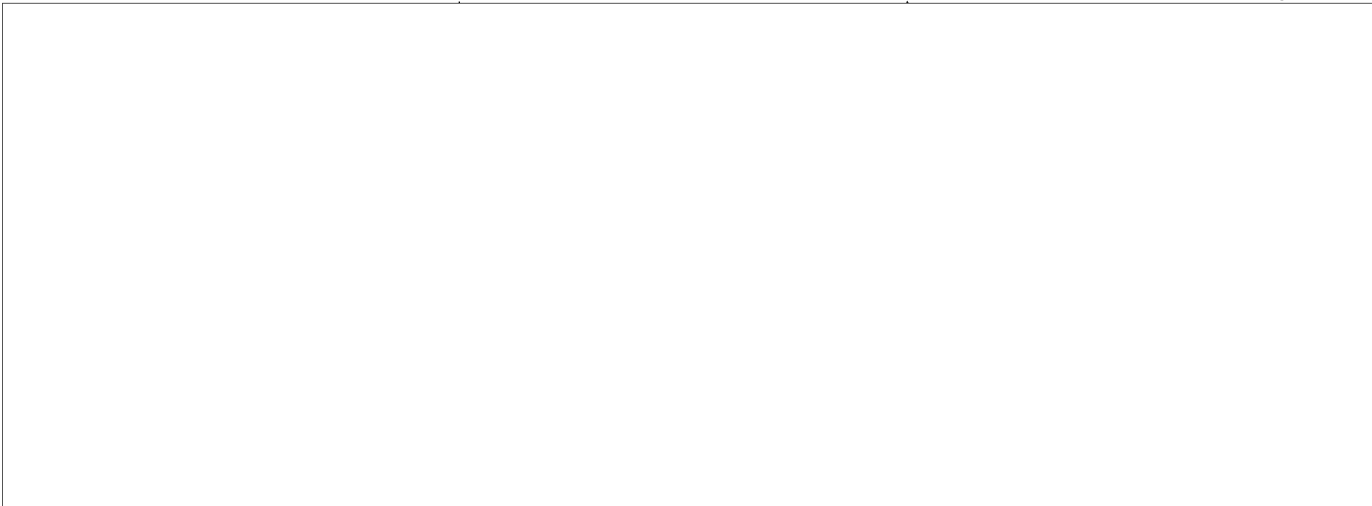
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**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric,  
The Deputy Secretary of Defense**

**SUBJECT: Request for Additional U-2 Aircraft**

1. I have recently completed an extensive review of the Central Intelligence Agency's present capability, utilizing U-2 aircraft, to respond in a timely manner in support of National Intelligence collection requirements on a world-wide basis. As a result, I have concluded that this capability has now deteriorated to a level that must be considered inadequate in the face of current and anticipated future requirements for covert reconnaissance by this Agency.



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3. Accordingly I would appreciate it if you would make the necessary arrangement for the early transfer of a U-2 aircraft from USAF to the

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CIA with the suggested proviso that the possible need for a second such transfer be examined again in early April 1964, barring some unforeseen adverse development before that time.

**John A. McCone**  
Director

CONCUR:

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