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Ltr to Adm Raborn from Brockway McMillan

In process of apportioning funds for NRP for FY 1966. Wld like to note some elements of the CIA request and problems they pose. Pls treat as personal letter until we discuss.

25X1 :CIA request [redacted] higher than the budget (total budget for NRP in FY 1966 wa [redacted])

25X1 He doubted that this increase could be justified and certainly the added amount [redacted] could not be adjusted within the remainder of the program.

The significant increase was the funding of a staging/operating base at Kadena for possible use of OXCART over China.

25X1 The increase requested for IDEALIST over amount budgeted of more than [redacted] related principally to improved subsystems, 25X1 [redacted] These must be considered on their merits in light of the dwindling productivity of IDEALIST and the increasing costs being experienced, and in view of the total fleet to be maintained [redacted] and whether or not the U-2R will be purchased.

ILLEGIB CORONA payload increase [redacted] 25X1 relating principally to procurement of addtl [redacted] and related equipment. 25X1 (Questioned the requirement for these programs and their contribution measured against the NRP dollars spent.) Tech rqmts by COMOR do not constitute sufficient basis for evaluating productivity of these opns.

25X1 ISINGLASS, [redacted] for design and 25X1 limited development FY 1966.

25X1 Plus about [redacted]

Feel chances slight that any increase in total NRO program will be accepted by SecDef, BOB and Congress, particularly in view of Congressional criticism in budget reviews. ~~mk~~