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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Funds for Office of Special Project's  
Fiscal Year 1966 Activities

1. This memorandum contains a request for DD/S&T approval. Such request is contained in paragraph 9.

2. The Office of Special Projects finds itself in an extremely interesting though desperate situation financially.

3. For our present Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year 1967, we had submitted as part of our DD/S&T budget a request for some [redacted] In essence, the sought- for dollars would permit our Office to call upon consultant services as well as use the industrial community to help hone our concepts and schemes into ultimate proposals to be submitted to the DDO for consideration of further study, research or development.

4. We have learned that EPAM, for reasons best known to itself, has reduced our "activity" budget to [redacted] This arbitrary gesture takes a more unrealistic dimension when one realizes that we have [redacted] scheduled for a CIA contract which has been carried forth from last year.

5. We do not propose at this sitting that we undertake a reclamation to EPAM for funds to fertilize our ideas for satellite reconnaissance. Instead we seek from the DD/S&T the understanding, recognition and financial support to the proposition that

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the Agency must possess and foster the in-house capability to explore certain ideas in their raw state in order that they may be presented for NRO consideration with greater confidence and substantiation on our part.

6. It may be advanced that SPAM has divined that OSP activities form an integral part of the NRP and hence, we should obtain our "mad money" or funds for such idea making from the National Reconnaissance Program. While such a contention is for the most part correct, it cannot apply universally without serious restrictions on the imagination and ingenuity which has made CIA a successmaker in the reconnaissance field.

7. One should recognize readily that it is difficult to justify or sell an idea without some data fleshed about it. We do not suggest that the Agency underwrite our feasibility studies or preliminary efforts, the NRP should do that; what we do submit, however, is that the Agency should permit us the funding to organize our presentations with supporting data collected from limited contractor efforts.

8. We have attached an itemization of the areas in which we seek Agency financial support. We have included the Itek effort of [redacted] has been obligated. We have further reduced our early budget submission from [redacted] upon the assumption that the NRP will fund a portion of our planned efforts as part of the National Program.

9. It is requested that you approve the reprogramming of DD/S&T funds in the sum of [redacted] to meet our FY-66 proposed activities.

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Director  
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