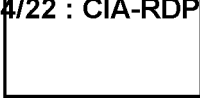


SECRET



Approved For Release 2005/04/22 : CIA-RDP85B00803R000100070016-0



25X1

NRO review(s) completed.

9 May 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with LMSC Management Regarding Lockheed Organization to Handle CORONA Program

1. On 2 May, [redacted] and the undersigned visited [redacted] of LMSC, Dr. Fritz Oder, and [redacted] regarding the proposed organizational structure by which Lockheed will respond to Air Force and CIA direction in the CORONA Program.

2. The LMSC personnel outlined briefly an organization which would centralize the entire CORONA Program for both the Air Force and CIA efforts under [redacted] would have [redacted] responding to him and heading up CIA's AP effort. On the other side of the house, [redacted] would honcho the Air Force effort yet also respond, [redacted] to [redacted]. Both the Air Force's over-all SI responsibility as well as CIA's payload SI responsibility would be fused in a relationship between [redacted].

3. I advised the Lockheed personnel that I thought the organization which they were proposing was indeed similar to the one presently in being. Although they registered a mild protest that it wasn't, they failed to demonstrate how it differed except through the infusion of [redacted] into the Air Force loop. I pointed out that I was not convinced that the organization they were proposing would be responsive to our needs and observed that the Government finally got its own house in order and has established a clear delineation of responsibilities for the Air Force as well as CIA. I stated that now that the Government had so arranged itself to permit clearly identifiable areas of interest and responsibility I wanted to insure that our contractors so structured themselves to permit equal



GROUP 1 Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification

Approved For Release 2005/04/22 : CIA-RDP85B00803R000100070016-0



~~SECRET~~
[Redacted]

SUBJECT: Discussion with LMSC Management Regarding Lockheed Organization to Handle CORONA Program

delineation of responsibilities and to insure that overlapping areas would not infringe upon governmental prerogatives. I stated that I could take no confidence in their structure for insuring that the responsiveness to the Agency would not be impaired by program direction coming through the Air Force loop.

4. [Redacted] insured me that they were indeed sensitive to our situation and felt that the organization as they had described it would satisfy our requirements and concerns. Following lunch, I stated to Dr. Oder and [Redacted] that I was sure they appreciated my concern, that we certainly did not wish to tell them how to organize to satisfy us, but we did wish to be satisfied. He indicated that he would proceed along the lines we had discussed with the organization he had proposed; I again indicated that I wasn't sure that was the answer, that they should consider other possibilities, and after they had come up with a final proposed draft they submit to [Redacted] in draft who would forward to Washington for our comments.

5. In a discussion with [Redacted] the following day, I indicated my concern that there would be some diffusion in the lines of authority in the program by the structure which Lockheed was proposing, and I felt that the close relationship existing between the Air Force and the [Redacted] loop would not necessarily provide the best area for operation of the CIA contracts. I told him that I was frankly concerned that the proposed structure did not satisfy the clear lines of responsibility which had been agreed to in Government. [Redacted] made some reference to over-all system responsibility in a fleeting manner and the subject was dropped.

JOHN N. McMAHON
Deputy Director
Office of Special Projects

Distribution:

cc: Colonel Webb

1 - DD/OSP Chrono

1 - C file

DD/S&T/OSP/JNMcMahon [Redacted] 9 May 1966)