

*How did OSA get a military instead of a civilian head?*

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DD/R - Components - (OSA) (Asst. Director) TS 185118 8 Aug 1962

Memo to DDCI (Gen. Carter) from DD/R (Scoville)

Subj: Responsibilities of the Assistant Director for Special Activities, DD/R

1. The DD/R outlines the basic responsibilities of the AD/SA for management of an organization of more than [REDACTED] people with Hqs, domestic and foreign field sites and an almost equivalent number of contractor personnel for whom he has indirect administrative responsibility.

R&D - responsible for A-12 weapons system and other covert collection activities when or as specified by DNRO.

Operations - U-2 a/c ops, and A-12 when ready for opn. Programming and opn of certain satellite recon systems.

Intragovernmental Coordination - on programs identified above, with State, Defense, USIB, Special Group, DNRO and occasional foreign government negotiations.

"2. The ideal individual, in our view, would be a relatively senior Air Force colonel or brigadier general having recent command experience in SAC, some familiarity with R&D problems and a previous tour in Headquarters Air Force. This officer's strong point should be the organizing and managing of a diversified and dispersed organization. The position also requires a reasonable facility in expression borne of familiarity with military staff work. To support the AD/SA operationally, there is a TAC-experienced lieutenant colonel in direct command of the A-12 operational base in the ZI. There is a SAC colonel in direct command of the A-12 operational base in the ZI. The Director of

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Operations of the A-12 base is also a SAC colonel, both having been personally selected by CINC SAC. The AD/SA's deputy is a senior Agency civilian who has had considerable experience in World War II Navy and Marine air operations, who has been with the Special Activities field since its inception in 1955, and who is familiar from a non-flying standpoint with current aerospace technology. /whatever Col. Giller meant by that!/  
*4 Sept.*

The above drafted by Col. E. B. Giller

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Effective ~~27 August~~ <sup>4 Sept.</sup> 1962, Col. Jack C. Ledford, USAF, was designated Assistant Director for Special Activities, DD/R. Same date, James A. Cunningham, Jr. designated Deputy Asst. Director for Special Activities, DD/R.

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