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MEMORANDUM FOR : See Distribution

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of U-2
Airplane Proposal

REFERENCE : Lockheed Aircraft Corporation Report
No. SP-937, 27 December 1965,
Proposal for U-2R Airplane

1. Subject proposal was received 18 January 1966 and deals with an expanded version of the U-2 aircraft with substantially increased altitude, range and payload/sensor flexibility.

2. I have charged the Deputy for Technology, OSA with the responsibility of preparing and forwarding to me by 28 January 1966 a preliminary evaluation of this proposal. I ask that all addressees review this proposal (attached hereto) and prepare written comments covering your respective areas of interest in terms of feasibility, weaknesses apparent, and recommended changes. I ask that these written formal comments be submitted in triplicate to the Deputy for Technology, OSA by noon 27 January 1966. I realize that this timing necessitates the use of estimates based upon experience and tools at hand and, therefore, your comments will be interpreted in the framework of a preliminary evaluation.

3. In order that I may provide as much help as possible in formulating your comments, I request you or your representative attend a meeting in the Control Center of OSA on 24 January 1966 at 1100 hours.

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JACK C. LEDFORD
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

Att: Proposal

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