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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of ELINT, DD/S&T  
 Director of Scientific Intelligence, DD/S&T  
 Director of Research and Development, DD/S&T

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of U-2R  
 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. The DD/S&T has requested that a preliminary evaluation be made of the proposal in the very near future. I am requesting that you and appropriate members of your staff review the proposal (attached hereto) and prepare written comments covering your areas of interest especially in terms of potential sensor/collection systems, ECM, and vulnerability as well as feasibility, weaknesses apparent, and recommended changes. I ask that your comments be submitted to me on 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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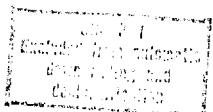
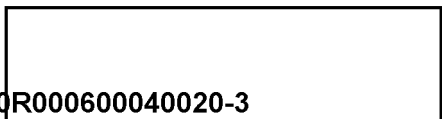
JACK C. LEDFORD  
 Brigadier General, USAF  
 Director of Special Activities

Att: Proposal

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