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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] DD/S&T  
Director of Scientific Intelligence, DD/S&T  
Director of Research & Development, DD/S&T

SUBJECT : Participation in Activities of the OXCART  
Detachment Aircraft Configuration Evaluation  
Board

1. In addition to the present IDEALIST Configuration Evaluation Board, an OXCART Detachment Aircraft Configuration Evaluation Board has been established within the Office of Special Activities. Its purpose is to maintain the common interest in, and to identify for appropriate corrective actions, operational problems related to the configuration and associated systems employed by the OXCART Detachment A-12's to insure maximum operational effectiveness.

2. You or members of your staff are invited to participate as consultants to the OXCART Board in the same fashion as they presently assist the IDEALIST Configuration Board.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Special Activities  
SUBJECT : Proposed Headquarters Project Directive  
Establishing the OXCART Detachment  
Aircraft Configuration Evaluation Board

1. The attached Headquarters Project Directive 1-20-100, establishing the OXCART Detachment Aircraft Configuration Evaluation Board, is submitted for your approval and signature.

2. Also attached for your signature is a memorandum to the Directors of the Offices [redacted] Research & Development, and Scientific Intelligence inviting participation by members of their staffs as consultants to the Board, as appropriate.

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JOHN PARANGOSKY  
Deputy for Technology  
(Special Activities)

Attachments:

1. Project Headquarters Directive No. 1-20-100
2. Memorandum, as stated para 2.

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PROJECT HEADQUARTERS  
DIRECTIVE NO. 1-20-100

ORGANIZATION  
26 January 1966

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
OXCART DETACHMENT AIRCRAFT CONFIGURATION EVALUATION BOARD

1. PURPOSE:

To establish the procedures whereby the OXCART Detachment Aircraft Configuration Evaluation Board is to maintain the common interest in, and to identify for appropriate corrective actions, operational problems related to the configuration and associated systems employed by the OXCART Detachment A-12's to insure maximum operational effectiveness.

2. SCOPE:

These procedures apply to the configuration and associated systems employed by OXCART Detachment A-12 aircraft. The configuration of flight test aircraft is not included within the scope of the Configuration Evaluation Board's responsibility.

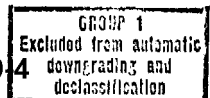
3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

The responsibilities of the OXCART Detachment Aircraft Configuration Evaluation Board include the following:

- a. Provide a mechanism for the fullest participation in project systems by all authorized parties.
- b. Become thoroughly acquainted with existing configuration and systems on board, or available systems capable of being employed.
- c. Maintain constant review of the configuration and systems in design, proposed, or planning stage, and monitor the test results to insure that the original operational specifications are adhered to, or that when modifications are effected, such modifications are in the best interest of operational requirements.

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d. Determine the operational deficiencies in existing configuration and systems, if any, and make recommendations to correct them where possible.

e. Provide general operating requirement specifications for new configurations, and new electronic defensive and collection equipment, which would enhance the overall capability and survivability of the collection platform.

f. Monitor the results of both the collection and defensive equipment, noting any operational deficiencies, and recommend procedures for correction when the equipment malfunctions or appears to be inadequate for any reason.

g. Recommend, where applicable, flight testing of systems, sensors, etc., to be performed on OXCART Detachment vehicles.

h. Report and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Director of Special Activities concerning the configuration and associated systems employed by the OXCART A-12 aircraft.

i. Make recommendations for certain flight test programs, as appropriate, in Flight Test aircraft for reasons of instrumentation or flight safety, or because Detachment aircraft workload might be such as to be incompatible with a lengthy test program.

4. PROCEDURES:

a. The Deputy for Technology or his representative is designated chairman of the OXCART Detachment Aircraft Configuration Evaluation Board. The Board will meet at the call of the chairman.

b. Membership on the Board shall be comprised of representatives from the following offices, as permanent members or consultants:

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Deputy for Field Activities  
Deputy for Technology  
OXCART Division, OSA  
Communications and Field Electronics Division, OSA  
Intelligence Division, OSA  
Material Division, OSA  
Plans Division/FA, OSA  
Programs Staff, OSA (Consultant)  
Analysis Division, OEL (Consultant)  
Aircraft Systems Division, OEL (Consultant)  
Defensive Systems Division, OSI (Consultant)  
Security Staff, OSA (Consultant)

c. Participation by others within CIA, from the field, and occasional consultants from other agencies may be advisable. Such people may be invited by any member, subject to the approval of the OSA Security member and notice to the chairman.

d. The chairman of the Configuration Evaluation Board will designate a secretariat for the purpose of preparing reports. The results of each meeting will be prepared in writing and will encompass the nature of the meeting, record of attendance, and a review of the findings of the Board. A copy of the report will be submitted to the Director of Special Activities with recommendations as appropriate. Each member of the Board shall receive a copy of the Board's report for his record, reference and possible action.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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Director of Special Activities

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