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October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

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- The Secretary of Defense**
- The Secretary of Interior**
- The Secretary of Agriculture**
- The Secretary of Commerce**
- The Administrator, National Aeronautics
and Space Administration**
- The Administrator, Environmental Protection
Agency**
- The Chief of Engineers, United States Army**

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**SUBJECT: Establishment of the Committee for Civil Applications
of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States**

The President has noted that the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States in discussing classified overhead photography of the United States concluded that it can find no impropriety in permitting continued civilian use of such photography and that economy dictates the use of the photographs for appropriate civilian purposes. Accordingly, the President has directed the establishment of a civilian agency committee to oversee civilian uses of classified overhead photography taken over the United States.

To implement the President's decision, the following actions are to be taken:

1. The Secretary of Interior will form a Committee for Civil Applications of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States which will:
 - receive, evaluate, consolidate, standardize, establish priorities and transmit to the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) all requests for such photography from domestic civilian agencies;
 - facilitate civilian agencies' use of classified systems and coordinate the incorporation of photography, derived data, and technology in performance of domestic civilian functions;

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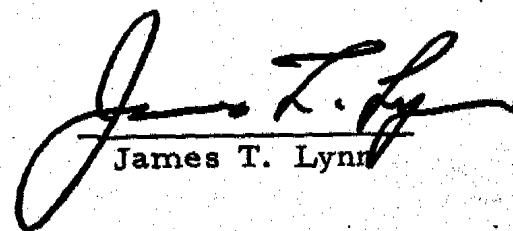
- supply information to civilian agencies so that they may knowledgeably formulate requests and reach compromises between requests and capabilities;
- act as the interface between civilian agencies and intelligence collectors, recognizing that the Director of Central Intelligence will not be involved in judgments concerning civil agency needs or priorities and that collection for this purpose will remain incidental to foreign intelligence collection;
- oversee civilian agency uses of classified photography in a manner designed to avoid any concerns that domestic photographic coverage is being used improperly.

In performing all of the above activities, the Committee will be subject to guidelines established by the President.

2. The committee will be chaired by the representative of the Department of Interior and will consist of representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency. Membership may be expanded at the discretion of the Committee.
3. The Director of Central Intelligence will designate a representative to serve ex officio on the Committee for the purpose of liaison with the intelligence community, to assist in obtaining domestic photographic coverage, to address issues concerned with the use of classified products, and to facilitate the acquisition of security clearances for users. Since civil usage of data is enhanced if unclassified, the DCI's representative will be an intermediary on questions concerning release of classified information from security controls, as appropriate.


 Henry A. Kissinger


 William E. Colby


 James T. Lynn

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE ATTACHMENT

September 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

D. E. DAVID ELLIOTT/RICHARD OBER ^{RO}

SUBJECT:

Establishment of the Committee for Civil Applications of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States

The President directed that certain of the recommendations of the Rockefeller Commission Report on CIA Activities be implemented (Tab B), and specifically requested that the Director of OMB, the Director of Central Intelligence, and you to prepare a directive establishing an interagency committee to oversee the domestic uses of aerial [space] intelligence photography.

Such a directive has been developed and coordinated with DOD, CIA, NASA, Interior, State, and OMB, and has been signed by Colby and Lynn (Tab A). With your signature it can be issued and the committee will come into being.

A memorandum to the President at Tab I would transmit a copy of the directive for his information, as requested in his memorandum (Tab B).

The appropriate classification of the directive is at issue. OMB and the CIA staffs feel the directive can be unclassified. It seems to us that since the directive makes direct and specific reference to "classified overhead photography" and "foreign intelligence collection," it should be protected under the November 23, 1973, decision (Tab C) stating that "the fact that the United States Government conducts a photographic satellite reconnaissance program for foreign intelligence collection be classified SECRET."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That you sign the directive at Tab A.
2. That you approve its classification at the SECRET level.

APPROVE *DO*

DISAPPROVE _____

3. That you initial the memorandum to the President at Tab I and transmit a copy of the signed directive.

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Machine Signs
Tab A

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2) date version
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT:

Establishment of the Committee
for Civil Applications of Classified
Overhead Photography of the United States

You requested (Tab B) that as a follow-up to the recommendations of the Rockefeller Commission Report on CIA Activities, an interagency committee be established to oversee the domestic use, for civil purposes, of the classified overhead photography of the U. S. taken by intelligence satellites and aircraft. Bill Colby, Jim Lynn, and I coordinated a directive for such a committee with the interested agencies, and it was issued in your name.

You asked to receive copies of all directives relating to the implementation of the Rockefeller Commission recommendations. The directive on civil use of classified overhead photography is at Tab A.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
AND BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

I have completed my initial review of the Report of the Commission on CIA Activities within the United States and Agency comments on its recommendations and believe that it is appropriate to proceed promptly with the implementation of the majority of the Commission recommendations. Toward this objective, I direct the following:

The Director of Central Intelligence should prepare internal CIA regulations and guidelines to carry out the purposes of Commission Recommendations numbered 6, 9-13, 14b, 15b-c, 16-18, 20, 22-25, and 27-28. To the extent practicable, and within the bounds of prudent security, these regulations should be unclassified. The DCI should also review all current CIA regulations and directives for conformity with these recommendations, make such modifications as may be necessary, and, as noted above, provide for their declassification as appropriate.

The Attorney General and the Director of Central Intelligence should prepare and coordinate as necessary the internal procedures and guidelines suggested in Commission Recommendations 6, 14, 18 and 30. These agreed guidelines should, to the extent practicable, be unclassified.

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Director, Office of Management and Budget,

and the Director of Central Intelligence should prepare a draft directive establishing an interagency committee to oversee the domestic uses of aerial intelligence photography.

The above actions should be completed by August 31. Copies of the resultant directives should be forwarded to the White House for my information.

Ronald R. Ford

cc: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
Chairman, President's Foreign
Intelligence Advisory Board
The Counsel to the President

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November 23, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT:

Modification of the Security Controls
for the Products of Photographic
Reconnaissance Satellites

The President has approved the recommendation of the Director of Central Intelligence to modify some of the special security controls relating to the U.S. photo reconnaissance program which were established by Presidential Memorandum of August 26, 1960. Specifically, the President has authorized that:

(1) The fact that the United States Government conducts a photographic satellite reconnaissance program for foreign intelligence collection be classified SECRET.

(2) The Director of Central Intelligence, after consulting the Secretary of Defense, may remove from the special controls presently governing the U.S. photo reconnaissance program the product of such collection as he deems appropriate, provided that (a) the product removed from the special controls under this authorization shall be classified according to the provisions of Executive Order No. 11652, and (b) such product shall not reveal the sensitive technical capabilities of current or future intelligence satellite programs. The present special control system itself will continue to exist to provide compartmented protection for those aspects and products of satellite reconnaissance programs requiring such protection.

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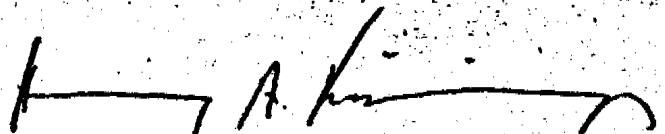
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The President has further directed that the Director of Central Intelligence shall continue to be responsible to him for establishing policy guidelines for the security protection and control of information pertaining to the U.S. intelligence satellite collection program and the products derived from it. This will include the establishment and continued review of appropriate procedures, consistent with United States policy interests, for the release of the satellite intelligence product or information derived from it to foreign governments.



Henry A. Kissinger

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