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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear General Schriever:

In accordance with my meeting of February 11 the procurement and security provisions for the R-12 program are as set forth in the attachment.

The responsibilities of the Commander, Air Force Systems Command in relation to this program are as follows:

- a. Provide adequate manning of the Advanced Plans and Programs Group, (SPC ASD) with the best qualified technical and managerial personnel.
- b. Provide manning and facilities for Category II and Category III test.
- c. Develop and maintain current, plans for the transfer and assumption by AFSSC of the total management responsibility (including procurement) at some future date.
- d. Review the quarterly technical progress reports prior to presentation to this headquarters.

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 The Program D director in the near future will submit to the Commander, Air Force Systems Command for his concurrence a plan to include scheduling, manning, and facilities required as provided for in paragraphs 2 a and b above.

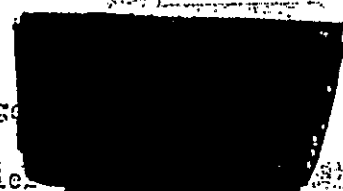
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 At such time in the future when a change or transfer of management of the program is appropriate the attachment will be revised accordingly.

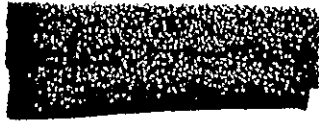
Sincerely,

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1 Attachment  
Procurement and Security  
Provisions for R-12 Program

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Commander  
Air Force Systems Command  
Andrews Air Force Base





PROCUREMENT AND SECURITY PROVISIONS FOR THE R-12 PROGRAM

Reference: DOD Memorandum for Secretary of the Air Force and Director, NRO, Subject: "Strategic Reconnaissance Aircraft," dated 29 January 1963.

1. Responsibilities.

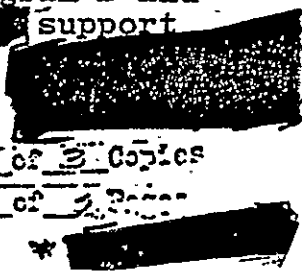
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In accordance with the referenced memorandum, the R-12 System has been designated as Program D under the National Reconnaissance Office. [Colonel ██████████] has been designated Program D Director and will report to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office. The Program D Director and his staff will be located ██████████. The AF-12 System Program Office, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will perform the functions of the System Program Office for the R-12 Reconnaissance System. The [Chief of the Advanced Plans and Programs Group, ASD (AF-12 SPO)] is designated as the Deputy Program Director and will report directly to the Program Director. The necessary authority is delegated to the Program Director and the System Program Office to carry on the specialized procedures that are now established for the acquisition of the R-12 and AF-12. The Program Director is responsible for necessary coordination on program interface, procurement, and security matters with the CIA. He is also responsible to keep the Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff, USAF, and Commander, AFSC advised of program progress on a continuing basis. The System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB will be manned with a minimum number of personnel and will continue the ██████████ contractor relationships now in operation.

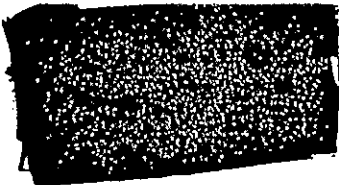
2. Security.

The security procedures to be followed are as established under NRO Security Policy of 20 November 1962, i.e., the Program Director is delegated "must know" determination authority with clearability vested in the Special Security Center (SSC) of the CIA. Communication controls will be in accordance with ██████████ procedures and/or suitable controls in accordance with NRO procedures. Facility clearances, access to contractors, etc., will be in accordance with procedures now in use for the OXCART/KEYBLOCK Programs. Due to the close interrelationship between the R-12 System and the current OXCART production effort, OXCART contractors will be utilized where appropriate and duplicate and redundant security procedures will not be established. Direct security coordination between the Program B and Program D Directors will be established, and ██████████ support plans will be coordinated with the CIA.

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Financial and Contracting.

The NRO Comptroller will



The System Program Office will be responsible for the scope of work, selection of contractors and technical requirements of all contracts. The System Program Office will provide engineering and technical assistance for contract negotiations, contract monitoring and administration. Detailed agreements will be worked out in a separate document.

Reporting.

The preliminary R-12 Development and Production Plan will be submitted as a System Package Program (limited) following 90-day definition phase. The revised program as approved will serve as the basis for program actions for the next fiscal year and will be employed as a single action document for planning, programming, budgeting and reporting through the fiscal year.

This program plan will be revised in phase with the fiscal year cycle. In addition, quarterly technical and progress reports will be prepared for the Commanders, AFSC, SAC, Headquarters USAF and the NRO. Monthly financial reports will be submitted to the Comptroller, NRO.

Using Command Participation.

Headquarters, Strategic Air Command will provide the leadership and coordination by assignment of a permanent representative to the System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB. Strategic Air Command will provide necessary tanker support of test activities and participate at Cat II tests and conduct Cat III tests. SAC participation will be based on "must" determination of the Program Director.

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