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SHORT RESUME OF SR-71 MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

15 August 1961

Dr. Joseph V. Charyk, UnderSecretary of the Air Force, in agreement with Allen W. Dulles, Director, CIA, agreed to buy six aircraft, presumably three SR-71 and three YF-12s based on the CIA's A-12 aircraft.

January 1963

Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense, established the R-12 program under the National Reconnaissance Office.

April 1963

Director Program "D", under the NRO, was named responsible for the system development of the R-12/YF-12 aircraft. Simultaneously, a systems program office was established at systems command at Wright-Patterson AFB, under ASD.

25 July 1966

The program direction for management responsibilities for the SR-71 and YF programs was transferred to the systems program office at Wright-Patterson. The DNRO remained responsible for providing logistics support to the SAC program. From June 67 until June 68 the A-12 was deployed and actively flew over North Vietnam from its Kadena AB, Okinawa. The SR-71 did become operational and did replace the A-12 at Kadena as was originally planned.

May 1968

Beginning June 68 the SR-71 operated from Kadena, the A-12 was redeployed to the states and the scope cotton decisions were implemented and the A-12 placed in storage and deactivated effective 1 July 68.

During the above time period several proposals were made and had been undertaken to transfer the control and management of the SR-71/YF-12 to the White Air Force. This was finally consummated effective 1 July 1969 when the logistic support was transferred from the (b)(1)1.5c to the newly established (b)(1)1.5c. This in effect was the last action which transferred total management from the black to the white.

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CONTROL SYSTEM