

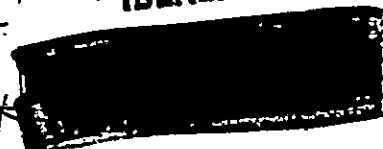
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Management of the U-2R Fleet

As you know, the Air Force's U-2R fleet has been under considerable operational and resource pressure to satisfy current mission needs. These present needs include important [redacted] photographic reconnaissance missions, photographic reconnaissance of Cuba, and significant efforts in support of the NRP [redacted]. Recently conceived requirements also appear to have merit and will serve to increase the pressures on currently available assets.

I believe that more efficient efforts toward satisfying these requirements could be made if all U-2R's were consolidated under a single manager. Such consolidation would also eliminate duplicative administrative and managerial functions. I estimate that the savings accrued from consolidation (in terms of procurement avoidance and eliminated redundancies) could amount to over \$40M.

Accordingly, I propose that all U-2R's, including those at [redacted] under CIA management, be placed under the central management of the Air Force. If you agree, I believe the consolidation could be completed by November or December of this year. I am convinced that through this consolidation we can perform the top priority missions with maximum efficiency. Of course their consolidation would be subject to 40 Committee approval to [redacted]

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