

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

July 1, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CARTER, CIA

In response to your memorandum of 30 June, I have authorized the extension of contract ~~_____~~ under its present terms for thirty days.

My proposals for centralizing the management of the CORONA project have been before the DCI in writing for somewhat more than eight months. They have been discussed with him in extenso on four separate occasions. They were discussed with you and Dr. Wheelon and Dr. Fubini on approximately 10 December. The only substantial difference between my present recommendations and those made on 28 October 1963 to the DCI is the determination that Aerospace Corporation should carry the responsibility for over-all systems engineering and technical direction. Such an assignment of responsibility has been explicitly identified in all discussions as a possibility for almost six of the past eight months.

I infer from your memorandum of 30 June that one ingredient necessary for a determination by the DCI of his final position on this matter is a recommendation from you and Dr. Wheelon. Your memorandum indicates that you will be able to assist the DCI in this regard on or about July 6. In view of the long previous history of discussions on this matter, it appears that little further explanation can be required for an early resolution.

I have recommended to Mr. Vance that he arrange a meeting with the DCI to settle the matter during the week of 6 July.

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Director
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