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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: **ELINT Study (U)**

Since receiving your memorandum of 23 August 1961, I have reviewed the basis of the study of ELINT requirements and resources which the Director of the National Security Agency is performing in response to my memorandum of 7 July.

I completely share your concern about the security of the program, and I have made detailed inquiries on the subject; I find, however, that there has been no instance where information or material has been made available to any person except in strict conformance with security rules and regulations.

I understand the reasons which led to your memorandum of 23 August and I believe that the following action should be taken. I am requesting Admiral Frost to segregate out of the overall ELINT picture those portions which, under a strict interpretation, can be properly defined as Research, Development, Test and Evaluation matters. I am requesting by copy of this memorandum the Director of Defense Research and Engineering to take the responsibility for these elements in cooperation with the Director of the National Security Agency, including all present earth satellite vehicle programs containing ELINT packages. The out-put of this study will be presented as a limited distribution annex to the study being undertaken at this time by the Joint Group. *

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