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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING
NSA PARTICIPATION IN THE
(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

1. In the course of discussions between Dr. Charyk, Dr. Scoville, Admiral Frost and Dr. Tordella on 25 May 1962, it was made known that the (S) National Reconnaissance Office in its SIGINT program will respond only to requirements levied by the United States Intelligence Board. Further, that the NSA will request the USIB to determine which subordinate committee on the Board (DCMD or SIGINT Committee) will be responsible for applicable SIGINT requirements.

2. During these discussions, it was agreed that:

a. NSA will provide advice and consultation to the NSO on how best to meet requirements which are levied by the Board.

b. NSA will nominate one of its personnel to become a full-time member of the NSO.

c. After discussion with the NSA, the NSO will assign primary responsibility for development of certain aspects of the SIGINT collection program to NSA.

d. NSA will be responsible for advising the NSO on desired format of the SIGINT material to be collected. NSA will also be responsible for accomplishing or supervising analysis and reporting of collected SIGINT materials.

e. Security safeguards required for the handling of SIGINT collected SIGINT materials can be provided as described in memorandum from Director, NSA, to Chairman, USIB; dated 31 May 1962; Subject: Security Handling of SIGINT Collected by Reconnaissance Satellites.

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