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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTELLIGENCE AND CIVIL
SPACE PROGRAMS

The undersigned have reviewed the relationships between the space programs of the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in light of program progress to date in both the classified and civil arenas and the current assessment of the present and future policy environment for remote sensing of the earth from space. The undersigned have agreed to the following objectives, guidelines and mechanisms for the coordination of the respective intelligence and civil space programs.

Objectives

With the growing sophistication of space science and technology, the military, intelligence, scientific, and civil applications programs require careful continuing coordination in order to:

- a. Assure that inadvertent disclosures of technology in one program do not jeopardize the effectiveness of other programs.
- b. Assure that data and information release policies recognize nationally approved program objectives, legal and statutory requirements and national security considerations.
- c. Assure that individual agency plans and programs from the outset are formulated and managed to avoid conflicts between civil and military activities.
- d. Assure that appropriate use is made by both the civil and military communities of technology, data and information generated by each other's programs.

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Management Guidelines

- a. The earth-oriented data acquisition programs by NASA will be conducted in a manner designed to maximize their economic and political benefits and to minimize international political repercussions.
- b. If it is decided to study or employ NRO classified technology in the civil space program, that technology will remain protected under the NRO security procedures until a specific determination is made for release to the public domain.
- c. Independently developed technology in the civil program will be reviewed to determine if its public release would compromise classified program capabilities and/or limitations.

Coordinating Mechanism

a. Program Review Board

A Program Review Board is hereby established composed of the DDR&E, the Deputy Administrator of NASA, the Deputy Director of Science and Technology, CIA, representing the DCI, and the Director of the NRO to oversee the relationship between the classified and civil space programs. The Board membership is limited to the named principals.

b. Within the framework of established national policy, the Board is charged with:

- (1) Resolving interagency program policy issues.
- (2) Coordinating on a continuing basis the earth-oriented programs of the member agencies.
- (3) Recommending to the agency heads involved such changes in program direction as may mutually be agreed upon.
- (4) Reporting to the agency heads on issues not resolved by the Board.

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c. The Board will meet at least quarterly as well as at the request of any member.

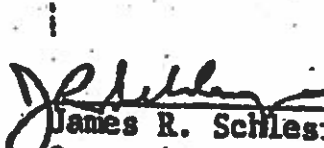
d. The Board will establish and supervise two inter-agency groups to report regularly to the Board; these are:


(1) A Technology Review Committee, chaired by a senior DOD official, to maintain a current assessment of the civil and military technology flow into the public domain; to coordinate the development, transfer and public release of new technologies; and to refer to the Board issues and problems not resolved at the Committee level.

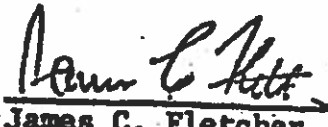
(2) A Data and Information Release Committee, chaired by a senior NASA official, to maintain a current overview of policies and procedures relating to earth-oriented science and applications data and information release, to review and resolve where possible conflicts between agencies, and refer unresolved issues to the Board.

e. In its consideration of issues, the Board will coordinate with the appropriate interested Executive agencies and organizations.

f. Unresolved interagency issues relating to national policy interpretation or implementation, or recommended changes to national policy, will be referred to the appropriate National Security Council mechanism for consideration.


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