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11 July 1963

Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Zuckert:

In accordance with your letter dated 5 April 1963, attached is the proposed plan for the transfer of all management functions for Program D (AF-12, R-12, Tagboard) to the Air Force.

It has been assumed that at the time of the transfer of the program management there would be a change in security. The change in security would publicly disclose (2d level) the existence of the development of the AF-12 and/or R-12. Therefore, the management and funding procedures included in the plan have been designed to be compatible with those of a normal system to the extent possible and still provide streamline management and sensitive security. This was necessary to accommodate the current schedules and cost and the interrelationship with the A-12 and Tagboard programs. If this assumption or change of security is not valid and the transfer was approved without any change in security, the existing sensitive procedures and management arrangements would continue. The procurement function would be transferred to Air Force Systems Command [REDACTED] and the program direction would be assigned to the Aeronautical Systems Division of Air Force Systems Command.

The plan has been prepared in the form of an Operations Order which can serve as the action document when approved. The annexes to the Order provide detailed instructions on such items as security, procurement, etc. In addition, the required letters of direction and authority to be issued by your office would be included as annexes (Annex A, attachment to Annex E.) This plan references the System Package Program which includes information on operational and logistic plans.

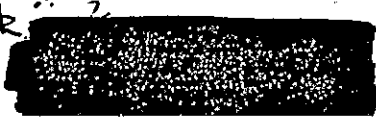
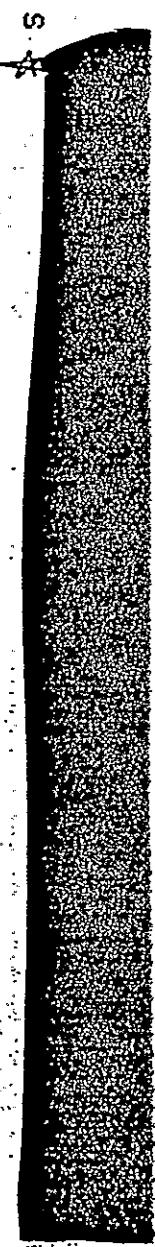
The change in security anticipated in the plan could come about in a number of ways. An incident during the flight test

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program could force a disclosure. Further, should the Secretary of Defense decide to approve the acquisition of a quantity of AF-12 and/or R-12's a change in security of these programs would probably be required. In any event, at the time of flight test of the AF-12 and R-12, the number of test vehicles flying will make it extremely difficult to avoid some public release. Therefore, an early public release of minimum information on the AF-12 and R-12 programs along with the assignment of the management of the Air Force Systems Command would provide the best possible cover for the A-12 and Tagboard programs.

I believe there is an urgent need to again consider the matter of management and security and would like to discuss this plan and these matters with you at an early date.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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General, USAF
Commander

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