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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT : [Redacted] Ground Station Equipment for Use at
OXGART Forward Staging Bases

1. Under our original operational concept, we intended to use the [Redacted] as the ground station at the forward staging bases. Flexibility of the equipment could allow it to be used in or out of the aircraft if required. However, closer scrutiny of this original concept pointed up the need for more positive control over the ground station with no interference in the movement, placement or condition of the tankers or tanker communications equipment. The tanker communications equipment would become an acceptable backup for the fixed ground station under this new concept. As a consequence of this change, we now find it necessary to equip four forward bases with [Redacted]

2. The manufacturer has indicated that equipment will be made available six months after receipt of the order. To keep within the time frame of operational planning, arrangements have been made with the Office of the Director, Program D, NRO, to divert [Redacted] radio stations from Air Force assets to [Redacted]. These will be made available in six weeks with replacement in kind in six months

3. Accordingly, under the concept that [Redacted] has responsibility for the preparation and equipping of the forward bases, it is requested that you provide the necessary funds for the purchase and

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