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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, National Reconnaissance Office

25X1A SUBJECT : [] Aircraft

1. With the impending delivery date of the first [] aircraft drawing closer, and mindful of the loss in May of this year of OXCART aircraft No. 123, I would like to raise with you the steps by which one of the [] aircraft could be made available to the OXCART Program at this time as a replacement for the lost mission vehicle. I should note herein the Mr. McCone is interested in such a transfer and has directed that I pursue this matter with you at this time.

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2. While this letter is principally addressed to the question of obtaining the aircraft referred to above, current Air Force procurement planning for the acquisition of a significant number of [] vehicles in forthcoming fiscal years makes it appear appropriate to ask you if at the same time we could not look forward to obtaining title to the remaining two [] aircraft not committed to the TAGBOARD Program, since they are basically the same configuration as the OXCART vehicles and measurably different than the specifications for the [] types. Obviously, if we can anticipate acquiring the three uncommitted [] aircraft in due course, knowledge of this fact will be an important advantage in our support planning for the next fiscal year.

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3. I would be grateful for an expeditious consideration of this request by you and an affirmative response at your earliest convenience.

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JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
Acting Director, Program B, NRO

cc: AFIGO-S

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