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MEMORANDUM FOR: Development Division/OSA

SUBJECT : A-12 (C) Drone Program

1. At a meeting with the Secretary of Defense and the DCI on the NRO program Friday, it was agreed to proceed with initial stages of the development of the A-12 (C) program. In view of technical uncertainties of the system, the program should be carefully reviewed after Phase I, i. e., the study and feasibility phase, is complete.

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2. Subsequent to this meeting Dr. Charyk agreed that the management responsibility for this development should be in CIA (Program B) in much the same way as the present A-12. He agreed that the Defense Department should assign some individual to CIA who is knowledgeable on drones and hopefully "enthusiastic" for the A-12 (C) program. You should, therefore, take steps to obtain a satisfactory individual working with the NRO staff. You should, however, proceed with the initial phase of the program without waiting for the assignment of this individual.

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