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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Eastman Kodak Company Contract

1. On the 14th of January I was directed by the DD/R to execute an immediate contract with Eastman Kodak Company for research and development of new techniques and equipment for processing. Although the original agreement between the Agency and the Air Force was for the Agency to manage this contract, in the meantime the D/NRO has apparently changed his mind and directed that this contract be executed by Major General Robert E. Greer of SAFSP.

2. This contract was signed by Eastman Kodak on the 16th of January and will be signed by Agency Contracts personnel on the 18th of January. At the same time the Air Force is attempting to execute a similar contract. Indications from Eastman Kodak at this time are that they will also sign the Air Force contract. I should like to point out that this is illegal.

3. The Agency has no funds available for this contract even by re-programing from other Eastman contracts since we are at present running an estimated [Redacted]

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NRO review(s) completed.

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