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My dear Allen:

Thank you for letting me see the memorandum for members of the U.S. Intelligence Board. On the Non-United States Intelligence Board Intelligence Requirements Committee, I think it fine that you are proceeding to clarify the situation.

I do venture to make the suggestion that I hope you may have an opportunity to review all of this with Dr. Keith Glennan of NASA so that he, and through him the Space Council, may be informed on those aspects of the plan relevant to their responsibilities and interests.

Yours cordially,

JRM

J. R. Killian, Jr.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dr. James R. Killian
Special Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Attached hereto is a copy of the memorandum that we're bringing up for preliminary discussion before the Intelligence Board next Tuesday. I think the memorandum is self-explanatory. I might point out that the intelligence requirements established by these two ad hoc committees referred to in paragraph 2 of the covering memorandum were supposed to represent the requirements of the national Intelligence Community. However, these ad hoc requirements committees were not under the jurisdiction of the Intelligence Board and only certain members of the Intelligence Community were given the opportunity of participating in the determination of these requirements.

I am convinced of the importance of the early and effective coordination of the intelligence aspects and requirements of the various space programs. After discussion of these questions by the USIB next Tuesday and consideration of the matter by Mr. Roy W. Johnson, I plan to come forward with concrete proposals for such high level approval as may be appropriate.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Non-United States Intelligence Board Intelligence Requirements Committee

1. During the past year, over-all responsibility for two major space programs, formerly the concern of USAF and Navy respectively, has been transferred to the Advance Research Projects Agency (ARPA). These are Air Force's [redacted] (the Reconnaissance Satellite Program), and Navy's Space Track Program which has since been designated the ARPA Space Surveillance Program. The [redacted] Program is strictly an intelligence collection tool, designed to be capable of satisfying a wide variety of requirements through U. S. reconnaissance satellites, whereas the Space Surveillance Program is more broadly concerned with various aspects of the space efforts of all nations -- including, therefore, the obtaining of intelligence about the Soviet Space Program.

2. While [redacted] was under sole Air Force jurisdiction an Intelligence Requirements Committee was formed by the Air Force to coordinate community intelligence requirements. This paralleled the CIA action in establishing the ARC Committee of SA/PD/DCI. However, whereas the ARC Committee regards itself as under Intelligence Board jurisdiction, the separateness of the [redacted] Requirements Committee from the Intelligence Board structure has been emphasized by transfer of responsibility for the project to ARPA (a non-Board agency) even though Air Force still chairs the "ad hoc" committee.

3. The undertaking to develop intelligence requirements for the Space Surveillance Program was initiated by ARPA after jurisdiction for this project had passed to them. This was prior to the establishment of the U. S. Intelligence Board as the single body representative of the intelligence community.

4. It is quite possible that with the development of the National Aeronautical and Space Agency other intelligence collection potentialities which also need intelligence collection guidance or support may come into being. In view of the responsibility vested in the DCI and the Board under the present NSCIBs, it is clear that establishment of all such intelligence requirements, and similar activities, should be within the jurisdiction of the Intelligence Board.

9. It is recommended that the Intelligence Board assume responsibility for providing ARPA with intelligence collection support and guidance and that the DCI dispatch the attached letter to the Director of ARPA.

L. K. THUSCOTT, JR.
General, USA (Ret.)
Deputy Director (Coordination)

Attachment

DRAFT
January 1959

Mr. Roy W. Johnson
Director
Advanced Research Projects Agency
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In accordance with your proposal of last summer, various members of the intelligence community have been participating on an "ad hoc" basis in an informal "working panel" considering intelligence requirements for information about Soviet space activities, particularly as guidance for ARPA's Space Surveillance Program. You will recall that you suggested that this arrangement be "initially" under ARPA's jurisdiction. Under your general jurisdiction for Projects you also have the Ad Hoc Satellite Requirements Committee which is developing specific requirements for these projects. It now seems wise to establish more permanent arrangements for developing the various intelligence requirements, and, perhaps, other intelligence support needed by your Agency.

Since the above committees were established, the present unified United States Intelligence Board has come into being on 15 September 1958. For the past several months, the Intelligence Community has been reviewing the entire range of activities coordinated through the committee sub-structure of the Board. I believe that it would now be appropriate for the Intelligence Board to assume responsibility for the above requirements-advisory activities, also, and that we will be able to service ARPA's requirements much more effectively by such arrangements.

I have already discussed this question with the Intelligence Board; and if you agree, we are prepared to proceed with the assignment of appropriate responsibilities within the Board's structure. Such arrangements would include appropriate provision for your participation, on an Associate member basis, on certain Board Committees whenever problems of direct concern to your Agency are under consideration.

I would appreciate having your views on this matter, and if you approve, having the name of your designee to consult with us further on the details.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director