



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Special Group

SUBJECT: Proposed Procedure in Untoward Operational Incidents Resulting from Aerial and Satellite Reconnaissance Activities

1. It is proposed that procedure be established to insure that in any future incidents relating to aerial and satellite reconnaissance activities and involving Special Group interests, all members of the Group be promptly advised of the circumstances of the incident and consulted as to a proper course of action to be undertaken. It is obvious that any mishap or incident which results from reconnaissance operations which have been approved by the Special Group is of direct interest to all of its members and in most instances will have a definite bearing on the related operations and programs of other agencies in the Intelligence Community.

2. There already has been established an Ad Hoc Committee under the chairmanship of the D/NRO to be convened immediately after an incident has occurred to assess the situation and to recommend proper course of action including coordinated public statements. I propose that in the future this Committee submit its recommendation to the Special Group for review and transmittal to higher political authority on an operational immediate basis.

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