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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Photographic Equipment Procurement for NPIC

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[Redacted] approached me the morning of 2 April to investigate the situation with regard to procurement of certain photographic exploitation equipment from Eastman-Kodak in view of our contractual relationship with that company. Camp stated that NPIC has approximately [Redacted] in their FY 1963 budget for procurement of certain new machinery from Eastman-Kodak. Apparently NPIC has been the recipient of preliminary overtures from [Redacted] Chief, Procurement Division, OL, the effect of which is to solicit NPIC to have Procurement Division contract for this equipment with Eastman.

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2. [Redacted] raised with me the question of the propriety of having [Redacted] undertake it as an OSA function in view of our extensive and compartmented contractual relationship with Eastman on film and camera procurement. Preliminary discussions between [Redacted] and [Redacted] with the impression that Contracts Division, OSA, could undertake this procurement in stride, and further that Security was inclined to the view that in any dealings with Ed Green on matters of this sort, it would be better to work with a single contracting system rather than otherwise in view of additional people who would need to be cleared to do the job properly in Contracts Division.

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3. Of course, this raises again the question of how far we really want to twist the OL's collective tail. I think that a case can be made for doing it either way, although I am certain that Ed Green would prefer to deal directly with [Redacted] and company on all matters which relate to this Agency. The money for this equipment is CIA funds, according to [Redacted] and while the DIA as a partner in NPIC concurs in the procurement of this equipment, they do so in principle only. Since NPIC is the exploiting agent for the NRP, I believe

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[redacted] could be given the job as an extension of DD/R's relationship with D/NRO. It is probably true that in order to deal intelligently with Eastman on this matter that certain contract negotiators in OL who are not now members of the "T" or "TKH" family will have to be made witting of what they were dealing with and for what purposes. Just how many of these would be involved I can only guess; however, [redacted] wishes to be legalistic, he can claim that the delegation of contracting authority extended to [redacted] relates only to certain major systems procurement, and that since NPIC was not spelled out in the course of the debate on that issue as one of the participants in the [redacted] delegation, OL should more properly do the job.

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4. I have no burning desire to start another cold war with Colonel White or [redacted] on this matter, and you may feel that this is the time to throw OL "some sort of bone"; however, my own personal view is that for reasons of security compartmentation and expedition we would be better advised to undertake the subject procurement for NPIC with the understanding that they would be responsible for the technical monitoring on the job. I would appreciate your reaction to this problem.

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RECAPITULATION OF AIR ACTIVITIES, WEEK ENDING 3 APRIL 1963

SUBJECT	VEHICLE	DATE	TARGET COUNTRY	BY	APPROVED DATE	ACTION
IDEALIST/TACKLE						
Sortie	U-2	27 Mar-3 Apr	Szechwan Basin	Special Group	25 Jan	Mission successfully flown as [redacted] on 30 March 1963. 25X1A
Sortie	U-2	27 Mar-3 Apr	South China	Special Group	17 Jan	This mission was flown early on 3 April as [redacted]. Results pending readout of take. 25X1A
IDEALIS [redacted] 25X1A						
*Sortie	U-2	27 Mar-3 Apr	Missile Test Range/North China Paotou-Lan Chou	Special Group	17 Jan	[redacted] requirements pending readout of take. 25X1A
CORONA						
Sortie	Thor	27 Mar-3Apr	USSR (Primary)	Special Group	31 Jan	Originally scheduled for launch 22 March, slipped to 25 March, then to 1 April, advanced to 30 March due to problems in launcher mechanism. Rescheduled and successfully launched 1 April; scheduled for recovery 5 April. 25X1C

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TE-69-163 25X1D	[redacted]	20 Mar-3 Apr	China Mainland	Special Group		1 Nov	Mission flown 22 Mar. Entered China north-east of Hong Kong, to north of Canton to coast out southwest of Macau. Over denied territory one hour and 53 minutes. No anti-aircraft artillery encountered. Aircraft intercepted and fired on three times without success. Mission successful, take moderate.
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TE-69-162	[redacted]	20 Mar-3 Apr	China Mainland	Special Group		1 Nov	Mission flown 25 Mar. Entered north of Shanghai, then north-west to Cheng Hsien to coast out near Yung Chia. No anti-aircraft artillery reported. Reaction limited to airborne intercept with four unsuccessful firing passes. Mission very successful. Over denied territory six hours and 8 minutes.

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[Redacted]	25X1D						
TE-69-164 25X1A	[Redacted]	20 Mar-3 Apr	China Mainland	Special Group		1 Nov	Flown 28 March. Entered China north of Shanghai and planned to exit southwest of Shanghai 2 hours and 30 minutes later. Aircraft encountered weather and aborted mission. Reversed course and exited at point of entry. Over denied territory 1 hour and 31 minutes. No anti-aircraft artillery reported. One airborne firing pass was unsuccessful. Mission partially successful.
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