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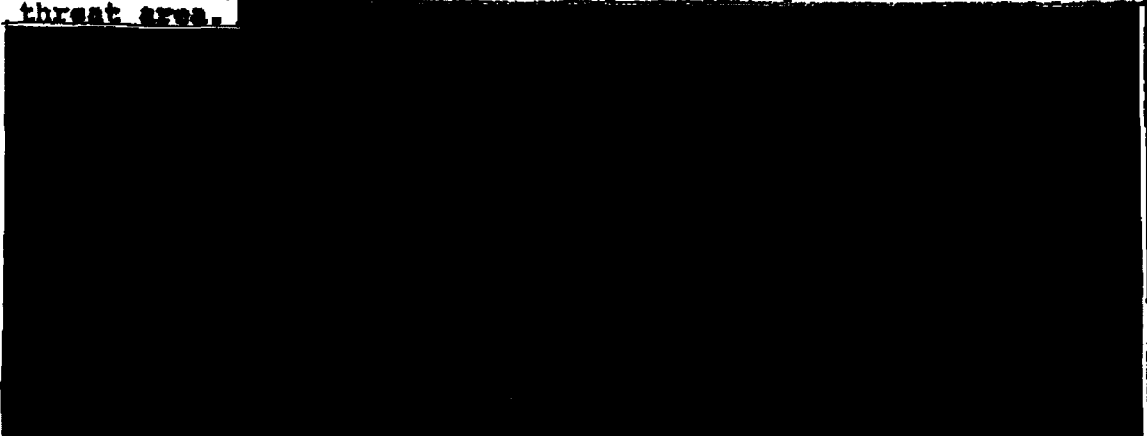
MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Resumption of Reconnaissance (U)

1. ~~(S)~~ Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 18 April 1969, subject as above, which requested an outline of the reconnaissance activity required to meet intelligence needs and a plan for protection of reconnaissance flights in those areas within effective range of North Korean and Red Chinese Forces. The plan for providing protection for reconnaissance aircraft in the vicinity of North Korea is contained herein. The plan for protection of flights in the vicinity of Red China will be submitted later. In addition, the Joint Chiefs of Staff are conducting a worldwide review of the requirement for each reconnaissance mission. The results of this review will be provided to you upon completion.

2. ~~(S)~~ The reconnaissance program conducted within range of North Korean Forces has been reviewed with regard to providing fighter protection for all reconnaissance aircraft within effective range of North Korean interceptor aircraft and the frequency and number of missions presently programmed.

3. ~~(S)~~ The following is a summary of requirements which would be necessary to provide fighter escort for currently scheduled reconnaissance missions penetrating the North Korean threat area.



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4. ~~(S)~~ In considering alternatives to meet intelligence collection needs, consideration was given to:

- a. Revising mission tracks to minimize exposure time in Korean fighter threat areas.
- b. Reduction of mission tracks in threat areas.
- c. Reduction of fighter escort element to two aircraft.
- d. Instead of fighters accompanying the reconnaissance aircraft in direct escort, employing a fighter combat air patrol (CAP) similar to the barrier cap (BARCAP) used in the Gulf of Tonkin to protect reconnaissance aircraft.
- e. Eliminating the requirement for escort/CAP of reconnaissance aircraft south of the DMZ; instead, utilizing a ground alert for protection of missions over the Republic of Korea.

5. ~~(S)~~ In consideration of these alternatives, the following plan is proposed to meet the intelligence collection needs in the North Korean area while providing fighter protection for all reconnaissance flights within the threat area:



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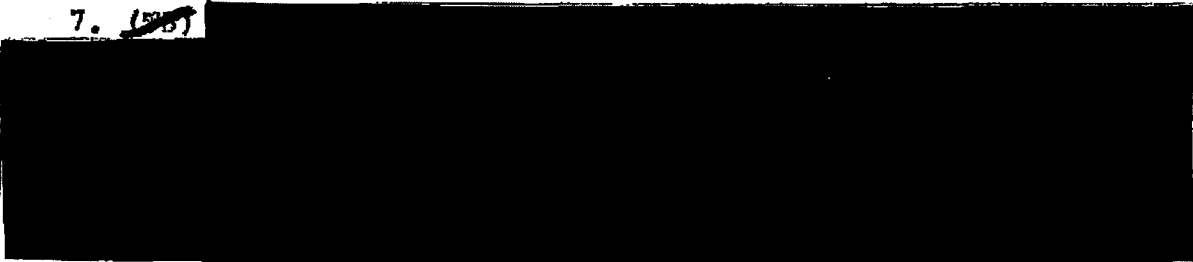
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8. ~~(S)~~ The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend approval of the proposed plan outlined in paragraph 5, above. This plan would be implemented under current rules of engagement which are considered adequate by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Further, the plan satisfies essential intelligence needs in the North Korean area, it can be supported by forces presently in WESTPAC, it will provide a reasonable degree of protection to our reconnaissance aircraft, and it should deter North Korean fighter attacks.

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