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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Collection Branch Reconnaissance Group, IRS

SUBJECT: U-2 Support for Weather Modification Experiments

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Recon Group, IRS to DSA dated 18 January 1973; Subject: Navy Request for IDEALIST Support ([redacted] 1326-73)

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1. Representatives from Project Headquarters visited the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, on 6 February to discuss the request for U-2 support. The necessary clearances for the personnel contacted had not been received so the type aircraft and equipment to be used could not be discussed. However, through discussion Project Headquarters representatives were able to determine what equipment would be necessary to satisfy the Navy request.

2. Request the Navy be advised that this Headquarters can support their request on a non interference basis with present commitments and higher priority requirements should they arise. Agency support of this project will be known as Project [redacted]. Operational arrangements will be made between Project Headquarters and Navy China Lake when clearances are received.

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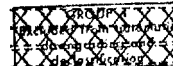
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