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July 22, 1966

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 353

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Commerce
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
Administrator, National Aeronautics and
Space Agency
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Director, Office of Emergency Planning

SUBJECT: Assignment of Highest National Priority Designation
for Projects WHITE HAWK and LIGHTNING BUG

In response to the recommendation by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the President, under authority granted by the Defense Production Act of 1950, today established the special reconnaissance drone programs, WHITE HAWK and LIGHTNING BUG, as being in the highest national priority category.

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Authority NSC 79F00059

By sig, NARA, Date 12-9-87

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 21, 1966

NOTE FOR MR. ROSTOW ←

OK & Regw
BICs

Subject: Request for Highest National
Priority Designation for Recon-
naissance Drone Programs

I have prepared for your signature the attached Memorandum for the President recommending that, in accordance with the DOD's request, the special reconnaissance drone programs, WHITE HAWK and LIGHTNING BUG, be added to the list of highest national priority programs.

In keeping with the previous procedures, I have also prepared for your signature a NSAM to implement the action.

This is a routine matter that does not involve any special problems. The action does, however, require Presidential approval.

I have cleared the request with the BOB.

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By DLG, NARA. Date 4-19-90 *Spurgeon*
Atts. - a/s *Spurgeon Keeny*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Request for Highest National Priority Designation for
Reconnaissance Drone Programs

In the attached memorandum, Cy Vance requests that two special reconnaissance drone programs, WHITE HAWK and LIGHTNING BUG, be added to the list of highest national priority programs in order to obtain a DX industrial priority rating. LIGHTNING BUG drones are now being successfully employed in North Vietnam, and WHITE HAWK drones will provide an improved future capability.

This request has been approved by the Bureau of the Budget.

I recommend that you approve this action. In keeping with previous procedure, the attached NSAM will inform the agencies that have programs in the highest national priority list or are otherwise concerned that this action has been taken.

Walt Rostow

Attachments:

Tab A - Vance memo 7/13

Tab B - NSAM

Approved ✓

Disapproved

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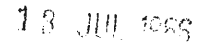
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