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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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By MG, NARA, Date 12-9-87

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July 21, 1966

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Subject: Request for Highest National
Priority Designation for Reconnaissance 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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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.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I recommend that you approve projects WHITE HAWK and LIGHTNING BUG as programs of highest national priority, thereby making them eligible for use of the automatic DX industrial priority rating.

These programs involve our current and future special reconnaissance drones. Operational vehicles are now being employed in North Vietnam and mission results are of vital military importance.

Assignment of the DX priority to these two programs will have little impact on the production schedules of other programs in view of their relatively limited dollar value, as indicated in the table below:

	<u> FY66</u>	<u>FY67</u>	<u>FY68</u> (\$ Milli	<u>FY69-71</u> ons)	Total
WHITE HAWK	28.6	57.9	26.6	50.9	164.0
LIGHTNING BUG	31.7	41.6	15.0	0	88.3

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- Jane Vance

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