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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: Status Report on Animal Programs

1. This memorandum contains a current status report on the [redacted] as well as a request for a current expression of [redacted] requirements, technical modifications and [redacted] guidance.

2. Background. You may recall that in 1963, [redacted] in a memorandum to the Director recommended that the [redacted] take over responsibility of [redacted] and that it continue to develop animal systems which might carry out a number of useful [redacted] (Attachment A). [redacted] became active in this area beginning in 1964; and in May 1965 in response to a request by [redacted] I provided you with a summary of our current programs and projects (Attachment B).

3. Current Status.

a. Project [redacted] Technical feasibility was demonstrated for this system approximately one year ago. We anticipate operational feasibility will be demonstrated in July of this year at which time these animals will carry out [redacted]

[redacted] The requirements stem from [redacted] and in part from [redacted] who is jointly funding this program. There has been close collaboration with [redacted] through the course of this program, and I have recently alerted [redacted] through the [redacted] that a decision will be required as to the interest of the [redacted] following the demonstrations.

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b. Studies. The use of [redacted] for the employment of [redacted] devices is under active investigation at this time. Results to date are quite encouraging although it is too early to come to a decision as to their usefulness. This program is being coordinated on a regular basis with [redacted]. I understand that [redacted] is going to provide us with suitable [redacted] hardware for testing out this system.

c. Project [redacted] under the direction of [redacted] has now developed a number of [redacted] systems in cats [redacted] (prototypes). The animals' behavior is normal, the system is reliable and relatively inexpensive. A number of the cats are undergoing training at this time. Dogs can also be used in the same manner, are easier to train, but do not have [redacted]. A demonstration of these [redacted] was provided for representatives of the [redacted] on 20 and 21 February. It is important that we receive specific guidance from the [redacted] at this time before engaging in any follow on action. I would like to request your assistance in surveying the various offices [redacted] for specific technical requirements and modifications which would be required to implement land animal systems.

4. Possible Options.

a. Cats and dogs were originally chosen for study since they are common in most parts of the world. Although we have concentrated on [redacted] system, animals could be trained for a variety of other [redacted] missions, as a means of replacing other [redacted] devices, or as [redacted] systems. However, current [redacted] (needs may dictate that smaller or larger animals be investigated for other kinds of missions.

b. You may wish to have us train these animals to do other kinds of activities.