TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: AFCEM

1. The request contained in paragraph 3 of the basic communication has been reviewed. The National Security Agency cannot accept this responsibility due to manpower limitations and other considerations.

2. This endorsement is classified SECRET because of the contents of the basic letter and may be declassified upon removal therefrom and blanking out the caveat notation.

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CONFIDENTIAL M/R attached.

Declassified and approved for release by NSA on 10-25-2013, pursuant to E.O. 13526
M/R: In the basic ltr, APCIM requests that NSA assume security cognizance for a COMINT area which the Air Force wants to establish at the Martin Company, Denver, Colorado. The Air Force indicates that NSA derives a net benefit from this contract. This was verified; GENS is the recipient of certain Martin Company reports. The following data was obtained concerning the Martin contract: (a) The Air Force has indoctrinated five Martin employees for access to COMINT. These people are presently having access at SSO facilities located at Colorado Springs, Colorado and Dayton, Ohio; (b) the facility at Martin would be small, approximately 30' x 50'; (c) This requirement will exist for at least 2-3 years with an annual dollar value of $500,000/year; (d) Martin Company, Denver, Colorado is under the security cognizance of the Air Force Plant Representative, Martin Company, Denver, Colorado. This requirement was discussed with DIRNSA. He does not want SEC to assume security cognizance over COMINT contracts for the Services. In view of this fact, a negative reply was prepared.

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