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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Executive Director on the Animal Projects

1. A meeting was held on 26 October 1967 to discuss the future plans for the bird and cat programs, AXIOLITE, KECHEL, and OLITORY. Attending the meeting were the Executive Director, [redacted] and Mr. Cantwell from OPPB, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Karamessines, Mr. Whitten and myself. The purpose of the meeting was to report on the DDP review of these projects by Mr. Whitten and [redacted] and to survey the operational requirements. Both Mr. Karamessines and Mr. Whitten indicated that the technical achievements which were demonstrated were of the highest order and represented truly exceptional achievements. Nevertheless, they felt the opportunities for operating such systems were minimal and, as a result, could not justify the expenditure of substantial funds for further development of these programs. There was considerable discussion about a working relationship with ARPA and the possibility of having ARPA continue the total support of these programs with or without our management. Mr. Duckett felt that this would be in conflict with the DCI's instructions and that the question was not so much one of money, but whether the Agency had a need for these systems. I reminded the group that ARPA has already contributed half the funds in the animal program but does not have the technical monitoring capability as Dr. Foster pointed out in his memorandum to the Director regarding KECHEL.

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2. After considerable discussion, it was decided to terminate these projects in an orderly way during FY 1968. Mr. Karamessines will send us a memorandum summarizing their findings, and, we will, in turn, notify ARPA and/or the DDR&E that we intend to phase out of these projects during the fiscal year and offer to work out suitable phasing with them if they wish to continue the programs. The above discussions and decisions do not involve OXYGAS, which will be reviewed subsequent to the demonstrations this year. ORD is specifically authorized to spend FY 1968 funds to assist this phase out. A decision as to whether we will undertake the monitoring of these projects, if totally funded by ARPA, will be discussed with the Director.

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