



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 21, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: SR-71 Program Termination

Request you take the following actions to complete the termination of the SR-71 program.

Modify and retain the ASARS-1 sensors and complete the depot maintenance and rework on the SR-71B trainer as described in the Classified Annex to the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee on Conference to accompany the Conference Report (101-493) on H.R.-4404, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990.

Place three SR-71A aircraft and six associated reconnaissance sensors and electronic countermeasure suites into long term storage, rather than a "flight ready" status, as a hedge against a protracted conflict some time in the future.

Take the appropriate actions to loan or transfer the SR-71B trainer aircraft, two SR-71A aircraft, the SR-71 flight simulator, and associated SR-71-unique spares, consumables and support equipment to NASA as soon as practical. NASA must assume the costs for operating and maintaining these assets.

Dick Cheney