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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

January 22, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Significant Items for Dr. McLucas

The following is the status of significant actions of concern to [REDACTED] which have occurred from January 12 to today.

a. We have been working closely with Program D and NASA personnel in preparation for the turnover of two U-2C aircraft for the Earth Resources Program. We have a well coordinated position with OSA, General Hogan and Mr. Friedheim. The one remaining milestone before public release is 40 Committee approval--Dr. Kissinger has reserved final authority to the Committee, but we do not know when the subject will be considered. I have told Mr. Chapin that NASA desires to make a public announcement about Thursday, January 28, coincident with NASA's FY 72 total program.

b. In an article in the New York Times, dated January 19, the cover of the 40 Committee was compromised. In an extensive article on January 22, the National Reconnaissance Office was compromised with [REDACTED] that the Office employees both aircraft and satellites. We have informed General Hogan and Mr. Henkin that this constitutes a compromise and that the basic security policy has not changed. They are prepared to react accordingly to queries. Messages to this effect have also been dispatched from the NRO Staff, DIA and CIA. (See Attachment)

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c. On January 20, we briefed Lt General Boylan, DCS/Programs & Resources, on the NRO Program. General Boylan desires further information on manpower which supports the Program and we are preparing a briefing on this subject.

d. We have continued to work with Colonel [REDACTED] who is preparing a briefing for General Brown to give at the Air Force Commander's Conference in February. Gen Brown will include information on the NRP, why it is important to the Air Force, and why the Air Force should support it. Mr. Hughes offered his excellent presentation on the use of satellite and aircraft reconnaissance products but Gen Brown was unable to make use of it at this conference.

e. We have continued to participate with ACSAN on the Strategic Forces Survivability Study to assure that references to the NRO collection system capabilities are reflected accurately. It is anticipated that an update of the SALT Verification Study may be required.

f. The NRO Staff was briefed by Colonel Von Ins and Capt McLean of General Allison's Staff on the SALT activities through the Helsinki talks which ended December 18. Dr. Seamans, Dr. McLucas and Dr. Naka are scheduled for a briefing by General Allison on February 1.

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1 Attachment
NY Times Article,
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