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TO
Chief of Station, London

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ATTN: [REDACTED]

FROM
Acting Chief, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT
Draft Resolution on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

RE: [REDACTED] Dated 16 March 1962, Paragraph 6

- In response to your request contained in reference, there is attached a draft of the United Nations General Assembly resolution of 11 December 1961 passed by the Assembly on 20 December 1961 regarding international cooperation in peaceful uses of outer space.
- That portion of the resolution causing the most concern and activity within the defense establishment was Section B, Paragraphs 1 and 2. The trouble seems to have originated with the fact that the Assistant Secretary for U. N. Affairs, Mr. Harlan Cleveland, advanced the draft resolution based upon the assurance by the Department that proper coordination had been effected in Washington. As it turned out, however, the only Agency where full coordination had been accomplished was NASA. [REDACTED] was not consulted, and within the Department of Defense, only the Office of International Security Affairs received a draft copy of the resolution. The error was discovered on 28 December 1961, at which time the Under Secretary of the Air Force, the Under Secretary of State, and [REDACTED] including [REDACTED] met to assess the implication of the satellite registration question upon current programs, including CORONA, SAMOS, and MIDAS.
- Full coordination was effected between the interested Departments about mid-January 1962, at which time it was decided to comply with the spirit of the U. N. resolution, and accordingly a registry of past launches and objects remaining in orbit was forwarded to the U. N. through Ambassador Stevenson. In general it has been agreed that reports of launchings to the U. N. will occur no more frequently than once every two weeks. A single omission from the data going to the U. N. is the transmitting frequencies of the satellite objects, as well as any elaborate statement regarding their mission orientation; i.e., payloads are not discussed except under general headings such as "Scientific Instrument", etc.
- A position paper on the peaceful uses of outer space has been subsequently prepared within the Department and coordinated within the entire defense community for presentation to the U. S. Delegation to the U. N. on Monday, 19 March 1962 in time for the initial meeting of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

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You may have noted from press reports that a separate approach has been made by highest political authority to the Soviet Chairman, Mr. Khrushchev, on methods of implementing the work of the subject U. S. Committee. To our knowledge no reply has been received from the Soviet on this. [REDACTED] continues to be represented in meetings within the Department on this general subject.

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Attachment

Draft Resolution