

(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF



MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Satellite Reconnaissance and the Smithsonian

Back in April 1976, [REDACTED] passed the attached note and research project proposal to Mr. Plummer who in turn forwarded it to us. My approach to the problem is in the memorandum at the right.

Although the memorandum at the right was seen by Mr. Plummer, we did not receive any specific guidance and [REDACTED] was unable to reconstruct Mr. Plummer's thoughts. The item is still open and [REDACTED] has recently asked what our approach will be. I recommend that we proceed as outlined in the memo at the right; with your concurrence, I will relay this to [REDACTED] and we will proceed jointly from there.

[REDACTED]  
Colonel, USAF

1 Attachment  
Note frm [REDACTED]

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In Accordance with E. O. 12958  
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on \_\_\_\_\_

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SCIENTIST

MEMO FOR: JIM PLUMMER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (IN TURN)

[REDACTED] TOLD ME (WHILE I WAS AT ASD LAST WEEK) THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE AIR & SPACE MUSEUM OF THE SMITHSONIAN. A MAN NAMED [REDACTED] HAS BEEN TALKING TO ART LUNDHALL AND PROPOSES TO RESEARCH AN EARLY U.S. RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE. SEE ATTACHMENT. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED I SPEAK TO [REDACTED] (NO TICKETS). I WILL DO SO PROVIDED YOU CONCUR. I THINK I CAN BE A USEFUL BUFFER.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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COORDINATION ②

APPROVAL ①

ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

TO: ① [REDACTED]  
② [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SAT RECON AND THE SMITHSONIAN

[REDACTED] SUGGESTS AN  
APPROACH FOR FUTURE PLANS FOR  
VRO SATELLITE DISPLAYS.

WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE HE  
WILL GET BACK TO [REDACTED]

CONCUR [REDACTED]  
NON CONCUR \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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