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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTELLIGENCE)
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Satellite System

In response to your memorandum on consideration of a satellite-borne [REDACTED] I have nominated [REDACTED] to do the Air Force paper on techniques, and General Bradburn to prepare the NRO options for satellite systems.

General Bradburn has already arranged two meetings of the principals (DIA, AF, NRO) on the 11th and 15th of September. At the latter meeting, some of the NRO work relative to satellite [REDACTED] was presented by representatives of SAFSP and [REDACTED]. This ranged from actual [REDACTED] mission studies to specific satellite system options which have been developed over the last several months.

We are proceeding with consideration of budgetary estimates, development schedules and operational concepts for various [REDACTED]. These considerations also will include qualitative value assessments of the system options for several postulated missions as well as comments on several technology areas. We are looking toward mid-October for the results.

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