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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Secretary Packard, 30 December 69

Classified Subjects:

I described the [redacted] review which we had conducted with BOB and how I felt this had served a good purpose in getting them off our backs. He thought that the thing had been well handled.

On the Fubini Panel, he felt that it would be very satisfactory for them to slip their report to February or March. I told him that I would be willing for them to do that and in fact, I would be very happy if they slipped it to April or May but that I wasn't sure that some other members of ExCom might not insist on getting a report out sooner. Specifically, they might ask us to call an ExCom meeting at which time we could explore what progress had been made, which could lead to an early decision on whether to speed up the read-out system. He says he does not think there would be any pressure from the other ExCom members and that we should go ahead and do the job the way we think is best.

With respect to the combining of the CIA and SAC U-2 fleets, he said that Dick Helms had made a pitch to the President to keep the CIA fleet and was successful. However Packard said that as far as he is concerned it is a continuing issue and that we should go ahead and prepare our study of how to conduct the combination because he thinks it is very likely to happen in the not too distant future.

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