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Paul:

On re-reading the Johnson memo, it provides the intro you need beautifully. The memo tries very hard to stick to and justify the non-disclosures of "the fact of" - but then it gets in trouble with words like: Congress and our Allies - American Public and Press - must be convinced that we have the means.....

The key point of our proposal is that it does not really do anything one way or the other re: the SORS, but it gives a wide open way to discuss with "our friends."

Note page 5 - tell our Allies that "National means" means recce sats "of which we have great confidence." The overt program presents the full facade and cover for that. Page 6 - now change "we are aware of need..." to, "we have underway the programs to provide the means" - our scheme is better right down the line.



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