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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Impact of Photoreconnaissance Satellite
Decompartamentation

In view of the recent approval which authorizes the DCI to plan for partial decompartamentation of satellite photo-reconnaissance, I believe that it would be appropriate to consider the impact of this action in the overall context of current national reconnaissance policy.

Accordingly, I propose that the NSAM 156 Committee review the present policy, NSCA 2454, in order to formulate updated political and informational guidelines which are reflective of the current environment. An assessment of the current environment should include growing domestic desires to exploit space derived data freely, international reactions to civil space programs, Sino-Soviet space philosophies, and estimates of U.S. toleration to political risk should international confrontation develop.


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