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NRP MONTHLY FORECAST

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

August 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL MOFFIT, JRC

SUBJECT: NRP Monthly Forecast

Since the NRP monthly forecast is oriented toward satellites only, the Chairman of the 40 Committee has advised that beginning with the September submission, the forecast be forwarded directly to the 40 Committee principals.

We appreciate the fine cooperation we have received from your organization during the past several years in coordinating planned aircraft overflights, and will forward a copy of our forecast to you at the time it is submitted.

Jim
J. W. Plummer

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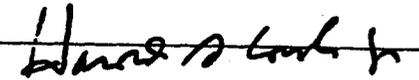
THE NRO STAFF

August 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: NRP Monthly Forecast

The memorandum at the right confirms that we will transmit a satellite only forecast to the 40 Committee beginning with the September forecast. The correspondence to and from the 40 Committee is at TAB A. Request your signature.



HAROLD S. COYLE, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF



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THE NRO STAFF

July 25, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RATLIFF, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, 40 COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: NRO Monthly Forecast

In amplification of our phone conversation on July 23, we are seeking your guidance on the most proper way to process the NRP Monthly Forecast since after this month we no longer will be forecasting aircraft operations along with out satellite forecasts. It may be more appropriate in terms of your needs to have us submit the unique satellite forecast to you directly rather than through the JRC mechanism since JRC has no responsibility for satellite operations. As you will recall, in 1968 the NRO began submitting its monthly forecasts through the Joint Chiefs of Staff principally because of potential redundancy of NRO and normal aerial reconnaissance missions.

The 40 Committee and its predecessors have never disapproved or delayed a satellite launch. We believe that the benign political environment vis-a-vis satellites is likely to continue. Therefore, it may be more in context for you to have our input made directly in order that you may use the information contained in the forecasts to assess operational impacts of ongoing and upcoming satellite missions. If you would have no objection to our direct submission, we would plan to make appropriate coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Chairman's Staff Group and the JRC have no objection to this procedure. Your guidance would be appreciated.

Harold S. Coyle, Jr.

HAROLD S. COYLE, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 40 Committee Approval

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SAFSS Forecast

The SAFSS Forecast for August 1974 was telephonically approved by the 40 Committee on 31 July.

Because of the transfer of assets, the forecast for September is expected to include only Satellite activities. This prompts consideration of the need to continue to include this forecast with the reconnaissance schedules approved by the Committee each month.

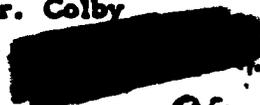
The Chairman has determined that if there are no objections, the SAFSS Forecast will be distributed directly to Committee principals each month as an information document. Principals may, of course, register comments or objections but would not need to approve each month's forecast. In the absence of any objections, it would automatically follow that the forecast was approved, and no minutes would be issued unless the forecast was disapproved or subject to modification.

Rob Roy Ratliff
Executive Secretary
The 40 Committee

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