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SUBJECT: Memo to Slate re.
156 Committee report on SKYLARK

Bud Coyle requests your concurrence

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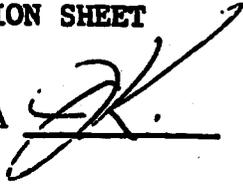
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April 16, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HANDYSIDE, STATE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Revised Version: 156 Committee Report on SKYLAB

Dr. McLucas has reviewed the revised draft and has also received a SKYLAB mission briefing from NASA along with Mr. Clements and Dr. Hall. His reaction to the draft is generally favorable.

We should like to make the following inputs as commentary on the revised draft for the 40 Committee.

a. Consideration should be given to inserting a specific statement which, for SKYLAB, will preclude Earth Terrain Camera operations which are not a part of the approved experimental program and that mission control personnel should be advised of this policy.

b. Consideration should be given to expanding upon the traditional definition of "sensitive areas" as used in the paper to include the notion of political sensitivity in principle vis-a-vis intelligence sensitivity. Political sensitivity could be associated with a friendly nation which resents being subjected to the overt imagery program from space.

c. Consideration should be given to balancing the discussion in the paper which treats "experimental" versus "operational" in connection with SKYLAB. While the plans for SKYLAB should remain firm, it is highly likely that many will perceive SKYLAB as being "operational" from the outset, thus prompting immediate questions.

d. Consideration should be given to expanding the recommendation in two ways:

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1. Insertion of a statement to the effect that the U.S. should pursue a conservative policy of high-resolution surveys from space at this time, and that these surveys should follow a carefully devised programmed format.

2. Insertion of a statement to the effect that efforts should commence at this time to determine what our national policies should be on the use of earth resources sensing satellites.

We would be happy to participate with the other agencies in a wrap-up session to assist you in finalizing the report.


WALTER S. COYLE, JR.
Major, USAF
Assistant Deputy Director
for Plans and Policy

cc: Col Granger, OSD(ISA)

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

At the right is a proposed reply to Mr. Handyside, State Department, on the revised SKYLAB draft. We will dispatch it if you concur.

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for HAROLD S. COYLE, JR.
Major, USAF

OK? M.L.

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