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THE NRO STAFF

4 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. JOHN MARTIN, ACTING SECRETARY OF THE
AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: National Space Policy

Through the Policy Review Committee of the National Security Council, Dr. Brzezinski has established a mechanism to develop a coherent national space policy. He desires to tie together considerations of military, intelligence, and civil uses of space. This is a timely subject and does need to be addressed.

The NRO has long been involved in space policy matters and has been a major activity in the formulation of much of the policy which exists today. We find, however, that at present space policy is fragmented, often conflicting and in some areas nonexistent. Thus, we wish to support strongly the National Security Council effort. On 31 January representatives from the NRO attended a working group meeting at the White House, along with people from ASD(ISA), DDR&E, and ASD(I). This meeting was in preparation for a gathering of principals for a new parent Space Policy Committee to be chaired by Mr. David Aaron, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security. The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for 8 February and Secretary Brown has decided that DOD should be represented by the ASD(ISA) with ODDR&E as backup (Atch 1).

We view much of the work to be attempted by this Committee as a logical follow-on of the activities conducted by the former Space Policy Committee of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee. The DOD was represented on that Committee by ASD(ISA), DDR&E, JCS, and the NRO. While this provided four voices from OSD, it served as an excellent forum for getting all views on the table. This appeared especially appropriate because the civil community was represented by individual members from NASA, NOAA, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture and OMB. Other members included the White House Staff, the NSC Staff, CIA, the President's Science Advisor, State Department, and ACDA.

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Dr. Cook and I feel strongly that the NRO, as the sole agency responsible for intelligence satellites, should be a principal representative on this new committee. I suggest that this would be an appropriate subject for you to discuss with Dr. Brown. We recommend that the DNRO be a member with the DDNRO or Staff Director as backup representatives. Colonel Hofmann would be our principal working group representative

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Brigadier General, USAF
Director

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

4 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR DDR&E
ASD/ISA

SUBJECT: A Coherent National Space Policy

The NSC Staff has proposed that an effort be made to address in a comprehensive way the diverse and interactive interests of U.S. civil, tactical military, and national intelligence space programs. The review would consider the potential impact of these programs upon economic and scientific interests, arms limitation, warning, reconnaissance, C³, other military needs, and the potential for space warfare.

To initiate the effort, a working group was formed composed of representatives from DoD, DCI, DoS, NASA, ACDA, OMB, Interior, Commerce, and Agriculture which met with the NSC Staff on 31 January 1977. Your representatives attended. A draft memorandum for the President and a draft Presidential Review Memorandum to establish an ad hoc study group under the NSC Policy Review Committee were distributed. These draft documents and related matters will be addressed by a meeting of principals (Assistant Secretary level requested) chaired by Mr. David Aaron, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, on Tuesday, 8 February 1977, from 1000-1200, in Room 305, Old EOB.

Secretary Brown has decided that the DoD should be represented at the 8 February 1977 meeting by the ASD/ISA as the principal and by someone from ODDR&E as backup. The Secretary requests that the ODDR&E representative understand military and intelligence applications.

ASD/ISA and DDR&E are requested to establish points of contact and inform this office and the information addressees of this memorandum in order to facilitate in-house coordination and appropriate inputs.

In addition please furnish to the undersigned by 1000 on 5 Feb 1977, the names, SSANs, and security clearances/accesses of your meeting representatives. A minimum of TS/SI ~~Delete This~~ required for attendance.

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