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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Herman Pollack, Director
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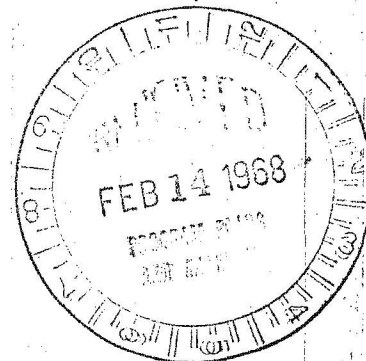
Subject: Soviet attitude toward earth resources survey
by satellite

I had occasion to appear on a panel program at the University of West Virginia earlier this week with Igor Andreev, Counselor to the Soviet Mission to the UN. We were asked by the audience whether international political difficulties might be expected in connection with earth resources survey satellites. I was asked to respond first and did so along established lines, viz: The use of space for peaceful purposes has been well established in UN resolutions and in the Outer Space Treaty, and looking at the earth from space has been established in practice through US and Soviet meteorological satellite and manned flight programs over nearly a decade and without challenge. I was then asked to what extent this might depend on the resolution of imaging devices in satellites. I replied that the principle was valid without regard to resolution.

I then turned to Andreev and asked if he disagreed. He stated that the position was a correct one with which the Soviet Union fully agreed and that he could see no problem in connection with earth resources survey by satellite.

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