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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. SCOVILLE
Deputy Director, NRO

It has come to my attention that according to your understanding the 5412 Group has assigned to CIA the responsibility for development of a covert satellite. I do not recall being party to any such understanding and have found no record of it in the 5412 minutes or other papers. I certainly did not intend in any agreements reached during the FY '64 NRO budget review to commit DoD to any such mission assignment.

It is not my purpose in this memorandum to deal with the merits of a proposal that CIA have the responsibility for a covert satellite development. I only want to make clear that the issue is one that remains to be resolved. To that end Dr. McMillan, Dr. Fubini and I will be happy to sit down and discuss the matter with you and Mr. McCone.

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