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Problem:

- 1. To inform Dr. Flax of the discussions on MOL at the Space Council meeting on February 14.
- 2. To confirm the MOL briefing for Mr. Bohlen at 1500, February 16, Room 7207, State Department.

Discussion:

The State Department representation raised the question at the February 14 Space Council Meeting on the value of the MOL for reconnaissance vs. the "2.4 billion dollars" program costs.

Ambassador Bohlen further indicated that he felt some approval of the MOL by his committee was necessary.

The satellite reconnaissance programs must work with the following three groups regarding requirements. The implementation of the requirement is the responsibility of the NRO, as you stated yesterday to Ambassador Bohlen.

1. USIB - Responsible for total National Intelligence Requirements

| Members | Organization |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mr. R. Helms Vice Adm R. Taylor | DCI CIA |
| Mr. J. Hughes | State |
| Lt Gen Carroll | DOD |
| Mr. Sullivan | FBI |
| Mr. Brown | AEC |
| Lt Gen Carter | NSA |



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2. 303 Committee - Responsible for granting overflight permission for aircraft and satellites

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| Mr. P. Nitze Mr. R. Helms | DOD DCI |
| Ambassador Bohlen | State |
| Mr. W. Rostow | White House |

3. NSAM 156 Committee - Responsible for the political and international (information) policy on satellite reconnaissance

| Members | Organization · |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Mr. P. Warnke | DOD (ISA) |
| Dr. Flax | DOD |
| Ambassador Bohlen | State |
| Mr. Fisher | Arms Control & Disarmament |
| Dr. Welsh | Space Council |
| Mr. C. Duckett | CIA |
| Mr. S. Keeny | White House |
| Mr. C. Johnson | White House |
| (Dr. Seamans) no | NASA |
| replacement vet | |

Implementation:

Tab A is a summary of the Space Council meeting which alerts Dr. Flax to the suggested action by Ambassador Bohlen that he call an NSAM 156 Committee meeting to review the value of the MOL to the National Reconnaissance Program.

Tab A also confirms the MOL briefing for Mr. Bohlen at 1500, February 16, Room 7207, State Department.



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Recommendation:

That you sign Tab A:

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