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MEMORANDUM

For Gen Stewart

I have marked  
up ~~the~~ Selin's memo.  
It is full of logical  
blunders. Typically  
systems analysts  
assume all  
sensors based  
on what they  
now know. They  
assume launchers  
of ABM are not  
reloadable - why  
is this true for all time?  
They assume  
launches will not

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undertake concealment  
and deception (VHR  
very good for these)  
and there is already  
evidence that such  
is being tested. They  
assume that if  
we see a new  
reentry system tested  
in Pacific, we will  
know which silos  
(and how many)  
house it. Try that  
on FOBS. They  
assume we don't  
care if Soviets  
increase silo numbers  
from 300-3000 per try

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that on the President.

They say we will  
learn nothing about  
radar from VHR. Compare  
with case of SA-3  
when years went by  
and we knew little  
about system until  
it was deployed to  
East Germany and  
we got VHR.

The worst blunder  
of all is that they  
ignore the fact that  
uncertainty as to  
whether T-12 system

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had ABM capability  
for several years should  
all of our strategic  
missile force decisions  
(and lingering uncertainty  
still remains)

There are not  
points here to  
do with MOC program  
per se but should  
be addressed by  
DD R&E / DIA

all

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RAR-B-8  
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~~(S)~~ NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

January 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX

SUBJECT: MOL DCP and the DDR&E/DIA Study of the Need for  
High Resolution

At Tab A is a copy of Mr. Selin's memorandum commenting on the subject papers. Mr. Selin passed this memo to Mr. Nitze on January 17. Mr. Nitze returned it to Mr. Selin with the note "Have discussed this with Mr. Packard who would prefer to review it himself. PHN"

Under a transmittal memorandum of January 24, 1969 Mr. Selin has asked you, Dr. Foster, General Carroll, and General Stewart to comment directly by February 3. He then plans to prepare the memorandum requested by Mr. Nitze/Mr. Packard. For comparison purposes we have underlined and bracketed in red in the formal memorandum those portions which differ from the original draft passed to the Study Group principals for comment on January 15. A copy of this original draft is at Tab B for your further reference.

In the case of the original draft OASD(SA) memorandum, the Study Group principals met and decided that one should handle the comments for all -- Mr. Palley handled the comments.

We are recommending similar handling of the comments on the formal memorandum. In this regard, Mr. Palley has contacted Study Group principals and has prepared a memorandum for Dr. Foster's signature to Mr. Packard. This memorandum resulted from Mr. Palley's coordinated discussion with the Study Group principals based on a consideration of several alternatives for handling the issue. Attached at Tab C are:

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1. a copy of the memorandum for Dr. Foster's signature;
2. an outline of the alternatives considered;
3. a chronology of background notes on the Selin actions.

You will note in the last paragraph of the memo for Dr. Foster's signature an offer of a briefing to Mr. Packard on the overall MOL program, which includes your name as a principal. Your support of the Foster recommendation on the MOL DCP is noted in the third paragraph of the memorandum. Mr. Palley's memorandum was delivered to Dr. Foster this morning.

We will await your advice as to any further action indicated.

*William R. Yost*  
WILLIAM R. YOST  
Lt Colonel, USAF

*Smith*  
*29 Jan*

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