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21 May 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with [REDACTED] DAD/C, Regarding Space Policy, 21 May

REFERENCE : Memo for the President from the Secretary of State, Dated 15 May 1952; Subject: "Bilateral Talks Concerning US-USSR Cooperation in Outer Space Activities"

1. [REDACTED] and the undersigned met on 21 May at [REDACTED] Request to consider the referenced memorandum and Dr. Scoville's written comment thereon, requesting information on whether or not the Agency had a policy on satellite reconnaissance with which to defend itself should the Soviets bring the matter up at the forthcoming 28 May Geneva meeting of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.
2. [REDACTED] referred to the existence of a draft policy paper reportedly being circulated within the Department of State on this subject, but since he had not seen it, nor had anyone present, the discussion turned to the basic tenets of an Agency policy on this matter. [REDACTED] also reported that Dr. Killian, as Chairman of the FIAB, had written the President recently and in strongest terms outlined the need for a United States position or national policy on this subject which could be enunciated prior to the 28 May meeting.
3. While there was no firm position taken in the meeting in [REDACTED] office, we did informally conclude that any CIA position with regard to satellite reconnaissance and inferentially all reconnaissance would have to be based upon the Director's prime responsibility of furnishing needed intelligence to the President. It was agreed that there was no room for compromise on this matter in view of the DCI's unique position. It was also pointed out that since the emergence of the National Reconnaissance Office, the policy aims and objectives of this Agency were more than ever virtually

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indistinguishable from those of the DOD in general and the Air Force in particular. [redacted] mentioned that a [redacted] was planning to attend the Geneva meeting as Dr. Charyk's representative, and it was also suggested that if this were the case, there might well be an Agency representative intimately familiar with the operating philosophy and technical parameters of those satellite reconnaissance systems with which CIA is concerned.

4. [redacted] promised to make available to us copies of the draft policy paper from State referred to above, as well as a copy of Dr. Killian's communication to the President. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] be the focal point for drafting a position paper for the Director on what CIA's stand should be if the Russians make a ban on satellite reconnaissance a precondition for further cooperation in outer space activities. This choice was indicated by the heavy international legal overtones of the entire "freedom of the skies" problem. [redacted] also indicated he would like to review Dr. Charyk's paper of 10 April 1962, "National Policy on Satellite Reconnaissance", written as an attachment to Mr. Gilpatric's memorandum to General Taylor of last month.

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Assistant Chief, DFD

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