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Mr. Michael Collins
Director
National Air and Space Museum
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for your letter of 21 January 1976 concerning the exhibit of the world's first successful reconnaissance satellite, which is in the custody of this Agency. I agree that the National Air and Space Museum is the logical permanent home for this exhibit. Therefore, I am willing to provide you title to the display you viewed in its temporary home at the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

The exhibit is classified Secret. Until it can be declassified, it must be stored in a secure facility. I have been authorized by the Director to transfer title to the exhibit, and, if you have secure storage available, to transfer physical custody of the exhibit to you. If such secure storage is not available to you, the Director of the National Photographic Interpretation Center, [REDACTED] has offered to retain the exhibit in his building and to provide easy access to you and your staff whenever you need to work with the exhibit. Upon formal declassification, the Director, NPIC, will transfer the display to your physical custody.

Please let me know if this arrangement is satisfactory to you.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Deputy Director
for
Science and Technology

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