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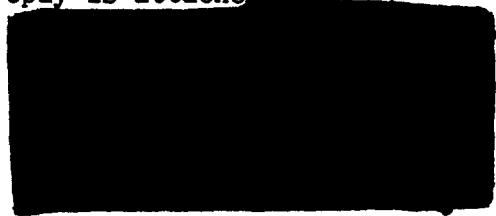
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

June 4, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: National Air and Space Museum Request for the Release of a Satellite
Reconnaissance Camera

The National Reconnaissance Office has carefully reviewed the request by the
National Air and Space Museum for a satellite reconnaissance camera to include
in a new exhibit to open to the public in the spring of 1986. National Space
Policy (NSDD-42) requires the continued classification of this hardware.
Recommend the National Air and Space Museum be advised that their request
cannot be accommodated. A draft reply is attached.



1 Attachment
Proposed Memo to Smithsonian

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D C 20505



12 JUN 1984

Mr. Walter J. Boyne
Director
National Air and Space Museum
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Mr. Boyne:

Your request for the release of a camera to the National Air and Space Museum has received careful consideration. I must regretfully inform you that the request cannot be granted. I am sure you will understand that our paramount concern must be the protection of sensitive national security information; we feel that declassifying this equipment for public display would not serve that purpose.

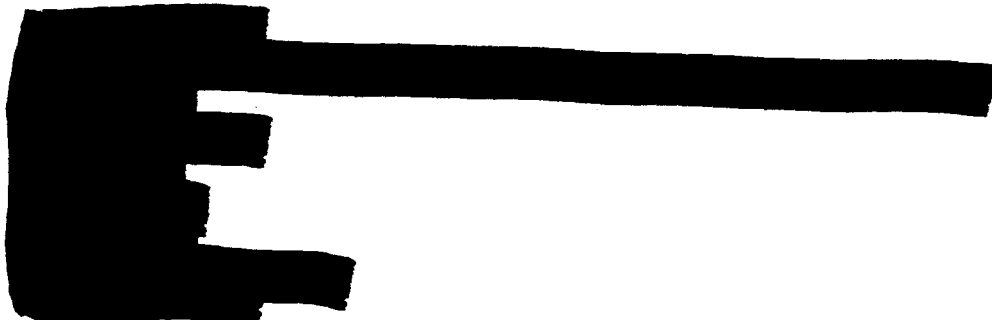
Please accept my best wishes for the success of your new exhibit, "Looking at Earth."

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey

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