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Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The National Air and Space Museum is currently preparing a new exhibit entitled "Looking at Earth" which is scheduled to open to the public in the spring of 1986. The display will trace the development of Earth observations from the earliest balloon photos of the 19th Century, through aerial photography, to today's complex satellite imagery.

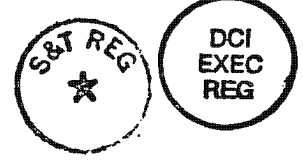
One section of the gallery, highlighted by a U-2 aircraft, will deal with reconnaissance. In 1977, Michael Collins, our former Director, discussed with your agency the possibility of our acquisition of a satellite reconnaissance camera. I would like to include the camera or a similar instrument in the exhibit if it would be appropriate to declassify it at this time. I would greatly appreciate any assistance your agency could provide on this matter.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Boyne
Director

cc: D. Lopez



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