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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Nitze

I agree with Dr. Flax that certain classified military launches from Cape Kennedy should be carried out under "closed" procedures.

It seems to me clear that we are in the best position, both from a security standpoint and from a public affairs standpoint, if we follow at Cape Kennedy precisely the same procedures which have applied to Vandenberg for some years.

Al and I have discussed this and are in complete agreement. We believe that sometime prior to the first launch a short statement should be issued saying that there will be from time to time classified launches at the Cape and that the same practices will be followed there that have been followed at Vandenberg.

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