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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Meeting of the 303 Committee, September 23

Attached is the minute for the subject meeting. Mr. Frank Hand (Mr. Packard's assistant for 303 Committee matters) called to debrief me on yesterday's meeting of the 303 Committee.

Two items of NRO interest were discussed:

1. The continuing evaluation of the photo reconnaissance drone program over S. China: Mr. Mitchell summarized the discussions by asking for a review and response to what he considered the two critical questions:

- a. Is the intelligence being sought really important?
- b. Is it worth the political risk?

If the answer to both questions is affirmative, then the Committee plans to prepare a paper which describes for the President the capabilities of the SR-71, drones and the U-2 for this collection effort.

2. The NRP Annex to the STG Report: Dr. Kissinger reported that the President had approved the NRP Annex and had confirmed the Committee's direction that it not be presented to the STG.

As an aside, Mr. Hand mentioned that Mr. Mitchell had reviewed the Annex and had indicated that he felt the Annex was a very informative and useful summary.

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We will be receiving the minute of the September 30 meeting
in a few days.

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