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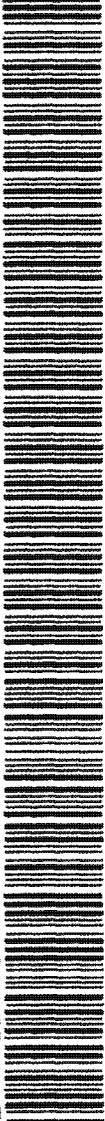
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NOTE FOR CAPTAIN WILSON

SUBJECT: NRP Annex to the Space Task Group Report

I have sent copies of Mr. Laird's memorandum and the NRP Annex to the STG Report to:

- for Mr. Helms
- Mr. Jessup for Mr. Mitchell
- Mr. Chapin for Dr. Kissinger
- Mr. McAfee for Ambassador Johnson

I have asked that the documents be returned to me once the principals have completed their review. Copies for Mr. Packard's review are attached.

Also attached is Colonel Allen's note which responds to Mr. Packard's question as to "Why better NASA?" on the readout technology program referenced on page 3 of the Annex.

*William R. Yost*  
WILLIAM R. YOST  
Lt Colonel, USAF

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NOTE FOR MR. PACKARD

You asked: "Why is electronic readout better for NASA?"

NASA argues that an Earth Resources Satellite program will have economic benefit by returning photographs of crop conditions, water supplies, ice conditions, etc. The economic argument is weak at best and critics have pointed out the advantage of aircraft for such surveys. NASA is primarily interested in satellites, however, and has concluded that, to be at all economic, the survey satellite must be a very long lived satellite with electronic readout. Their initial experiments will use high resolution TV but they would benefit greatly if more advanced sensors could be used. If NASA were to establish a sound program of research and development in electro-optical imaging devices, the broader base of technology plus the presumed bold research approach of NASA would lend support to our efforts in this area.



LEW ALLEN, JR.  
Colonel, USAF  
Director

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) Annex to  
the Space Task Group Report

During the planning stages of Space Task Group activity in the Department of Defense, the Vice President apprised the National Reconnaissance Program Executive Committee (Mr. Packard, Mr. Helms, and Dr. DuBridge) of Task Group plans to include in its report a brief Top Secret-BYEMAN annex which would outline the prospective missions, payload weights, cost estimates and launch frequency of National Reconnaissance Program satellites over the next decade.

The National Reconnaissance Office has prepared such an Annex. It contains an outline of the National Reconnaissance Program, a summary of national policy applicable to the program, and comments on key interagency relationships.

The Annex has been reviewed and approved by the NRP Executive Committee for inclusion in the Space Task Group report. It has also been reviewed by Secretary Seamans with respect to DOD space interests and objectives.

In light of the special security controls applied to National Reconnaissance Program activities and information, it was decided that the Annex should be transmitted separately from the DOD report. We are, of course, exercising extreme care in disseminating, using, and storing this Annex, to prevent unauthorized disclosure of its existence or content.

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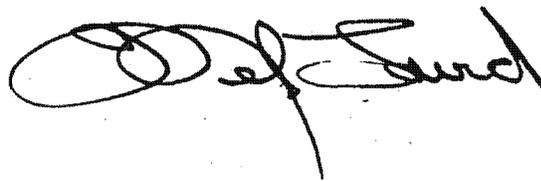
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The NRP Annex is attached. I trust it is fully responsive to your needs.



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September 12, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR  <sup>36</sup><sub>5</sub>

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Program Annex to the Space Task Group Report

Dr. Kissinger asked that we provide you a copy of Mr. Laird's memorandum for the President and the attached NRP Annex to the Space Task Group Report for Mr. Helms' review.

We would appreciate your restricting the review of the Annex to Mr. Helms and returning this document once he has completed his review.

*William R. Yost*  
WILLIAM R. YOST  
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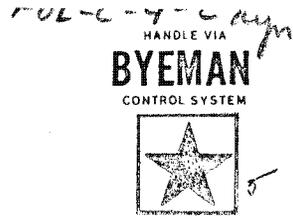
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PETER JESSUP

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Program Annex to the Space  
Task Group Report

Dr. Kissinger asked that we provide you a copy of Mr. Laird's memorandum for the President and the attached NRP Annex to the Space Task Group Report for Mr. Mitchell's review.

We would appreciate your restricting the review of the Annex to Mr. Mitchell and returning this document once he has completed his review.

*William R. Yost*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FRANK CHAPIN

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Program Annex to the Space  
Task Group Report

Dr. Kissinger asked that we provide Mr. Helms, Mr. Mitchell, Ambassador Johnson and Mr. Packard, for their review, a copy of Mr. Laird's memorandum for the President and the NRP Annex to the Space Task Group Report. We have sent copies of the documents to each of these individuals. Copies of the memorandum and the Annex are attached for Dr. Kissinger's review.

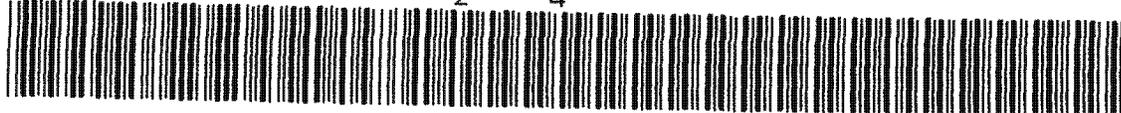
We would appreciate your returning the Annex once Dr. Kissinger has completed his review.

*William R. Yost*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM McAFEE

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Program Annex to the Space  
Task Group Report

Dr. Kissinger asked that we provide you a copy of Mr. Laird's memorandum for the President and the attached NRP Annex to the Space Task Group Report for Ambassador Johnson's review.

We would appreciate your restricting the review of the Annex to Ambassador Johnson and returning this document once he has completed his review.

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