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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Civil Application of NRO Imagery

I discussed the attached memorandum with Dr. Elliott, Scientific Advisor to Dr. Kissinger, NSC Staff, and made the following recommendations:

- The planning and implementation phases of the civil applications mechanism should be handled at at least the TALENT-KEYHOLE level. I pointed out that the present draft was "skirting" the system and was receiving too widespread dissemination within the civil community. Dr. Elliott agreed and said that he had been advised that in the draft stage the planning document should be classified SECRET. He said that the final Kissinger memorandum should be classified TALENT-KEYHOLE and the process should be carried out at that level.

- I recommended that either NASA should come off the Civil Application Subcommittee or that the NRO should be added as a member. Preferably since neither NASA nor NRO will determine requirements, both organizations should serve with the Subcommittee as consultants. I believe NASA's resources will be employed to satisfy some civil requirements as well as those from the NRO.

- I also suggested that the DCI representative to the Executive Committee of the ICCERSP should be charged not with facilitating acquisition of clearances but charged with protection of intelligence sources and methods within the (non-security conscious) ICCERSP.

Dr. Elliott felt that these suggestions were all valid and indicated that he would incorporate them in the final memorandum from Dr. Kissinger.

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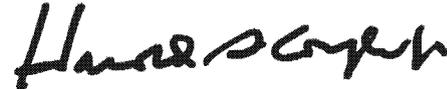
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After my conversation with Dr. Elliott I was contacted by [redacted] office and was asked what our comments were on the paper. I related the above and suggested that it might be appropriate for the IC Staff to make similar suggestions.



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