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Date: 23 Aug 67

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FOR GENERAL MARTIN FROM DR. FLAX

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1966, DR. FOSTER ASKED THE NAVY TO IDENTIFY ITS

[REDACTED] COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE POSSI-

BLE USE OF [REDACTED] ON MARCH 1, 1967, THESE WERE RECEIVED VIA A MEMORANDUM FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR R&D.

THE NEXT STEP IS THE CONDUCT OF A STUDY OF A SATELLITE SYSTEM TO MEET THE NAVY REQUIREMENTS. I HAVE AGREED THAT THIS WILL BE DONE BY THE NRO AND REQUEST THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK AT NOT TO EXCEED \$ [REDACTED]

I HAVE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS TO THE NAVY:

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1. THE NRO TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF/SATELLITE SYSTEM WHICH WILL MEET THE NAVY REQUIREMENTS. THIS STUDY TO RUN IN PARALLEL WITH NAVY STUDIES TO BE CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED] SPACE SYSTEMS ORGANIZATION OF DATA HANDLING, TERMINAL REQUIREMENTS, INTEGRATION OF SATELLITE DATA WITH DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES, ETC. SAFSP WOULD PROVIDE ESTIMATES OF THE OUTPUT DATA OF CANDIDATE

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SYSTEMS FOR THE NAVY STUDIES WHILE [REDACTED] WOULD PROVIDE MORE EXPLICIT AND REFINED REQUIREMENTS AGAINST WHICH THE NRO STUDY WOULD BE DIRECTED.

2. THE NAVY TO PRESENT TO USIB ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ACTIVE SATELLITE SYSTEM [REDACTED]

3. ASSUMING THE STUDIES OF 1 ABOVE ARE FAVORABLE AND THE USIB ENDORSES THE REQUIREMENT FOR THIS DATA, THE NRO TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.

4. THE NAVY TO ASSIGN AN APPROPRIATELY CLEARED OFFICER TO THE SAFSP PROJECT OFFICE, TO ASSURE INTERFACE WITH PARALLEL NAVY STUDIES.

5. THE NAVY TO INDICATE ITS CONCURRENCE WITH THIS APPROACH AND TO ADVISE THE NRO STAFF OF ITS ACTION. FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF NAVY CONCURRENCE, YOU WILL BE ADVISED TO PROCEED WITH THE SYSTEM STUDY.

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