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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Reference is made to Mr. Bundy's memorandum to me of January 3, 1962, and to our conversation today, relative to the United Nation's registry of successful space launchings. It would be my recommendation, in view of the commitment that has been made, to provide a minimal amount of information on all United States satellites successfully placed in orbit. Specifically, I feel that the information should be limited to the following categories:

1. International designation of the object.
2. Booster utilized, for example, ATLAS/AGENA.
3. Date and time of launch.
4. Orbital parameters in approximate figures only. This is particularly true with regard to inclination.

I feel that no statement should be made as to purpose of the satellite and that our reporting be on a regular basis, for example, once every two weeks or once a month, and that our report include those satellites successfully launched in the period since the last report and changes in the orbital characteristics of satellites previously reported.

I believe, finally, that it is essential that information on all United States satellites be presented in identical form and that no distinction be made between NASA or Defense satellites.

Signed
Joseph V. Charyk

cc: Secy of Def
Deputy Asst. Secy of Def (ISA)

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