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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. BUNDY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE (INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS)****SUBJECT: U. N. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

Relative to the meeting on February 2d held by Secretary Cleveland and which Colonel Martin of my staff attended, I felt that you might be interested in some of our thoughts relative to the surveillance problem.

For the past year or so the political vulnerability of surveillance satellites has been a subject of very great interest and concern to us. Much of our thinking relative to the public relations aspects of satellite programs, and the documentation aspects of satellite programs, has been pursued with the political aspect in mind. We are trying to summarize some of our thoughts in this regard and will have a short paper ready in a week or so. I will forward it to you at that time for whatever use it may be to you and your staff in preparing background material for the U. S. Delegation to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

The matter of registration of space launches seems to have been resolved by the position outlined in Mr. Farley's January 25th memorandum to you and Mr. Frutkin. It is my understanding that the conventional designation of the main vehicle will refer to the booster combination only, and that any code name or nickname of the project will not be used. I also understand that the orbital parameters listed on the format will be approximate.

These arrangements may be considerably altered, however, in the event that through discussion or otherwise the data listed on the format should become expanded in more detail. In this regard, I am somewhat concerned over the suggestion in Mr. Farley's memorandum that coordinated statements be

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developed which might be used in the Committee or other discussions to answer questions regarding the satellite categories. I agree that it is important that our delegation have a firm position in this matter, but I feel that this position should be that the categories as listed are self-explanatory, and that no additional elaboration or explanation be given in connection with the registry format. This would not prevent additional information on NASA projects from being released and discussed, as long as it is not released or discussed in connection with the registry format, and does not include any explanation for the categories in which these projects are registered.

I understand that the Director of Defense Research and Engineering will be responsible for providing a central DOD reporting point on the matter of registry, and that we will submit to this office, on a semi-monthly basis, complete registry format information on all of our satellites as of the reporting date.

I would appreciate your keeping me informed on all matters of the Committee affecting satellite operations and would appreciate coordination with this office before final DOD positions are taken on this subject.

Signed

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