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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

**SUBJECT: United Nations Registry of Successful Space Launches**

In considering requirements for implementing UN Registry of all successful US space launches, a number of actions at Department of Defense level appear essential. Under present agreements as to registry format and procedures, my office, in conjunction with ODDR&E, is preparing the initial registry of those DOD satellites presently in orbit. To insure continued consistency with regard to satellite information provided in the UN Registry, I would like to recommend the following actions:

a. Since NORAD presently furnishes information on all satellites to NASA, in accordance with DOD-NASA agreement dated 25 January 1961, it appears logical that they should prepare all future DOD satellite registrations. A directive to NORAD setting up this procedure is required. Directive to NORAD should spell out ground rules for preparing registry format, including both content and timing, and; as a matter of consistency, (1) direct deletion of all code names (i. e. Discoverer, Midas, etc.) for military satellites from their present Bi-Weekly Satellite Situation Report; and (2) direct deletion of ephemeris data on classified military launches from their daily Satellite Ephemeris Bulletins normally prepared and forwarded to NASA.

b. Effort should be made to obtain agreement with the Director, NASA, to eliminate use of NASA code names in unclassified publications listing both NASA and DOD satellites. In any event, NASA should be enjoined not to include code names for military satellites in NASA data or unclassified publications, as is presently the case, nor to publicize any data on military satellites other than the unclassified data supplied to them by NORAD.

If you concur in the above actions, I would be pleased to assist in any way you may desire.

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