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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Recovery of Space Objects

Following the decision to contact the [redacted] regarding the space objects, I contacted Mr. Eagleburger, OSD(ISA), and asked his advice on how best to proceed on the matter. He offered his assistance in contacting [redacted] [redacted] who is a personal friend.

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I related Mr. Eagleburger's offer to Lt Col Hofmann who in turn briefed Gen Bradburn on this alternative. Gen Bradburn agreed that this was a good course of action.

An appointment was arranged by Mr. Eagleburger and he and I visited [redacted] and the [redacted] [redacted], both TK cleared. Mr. Eagleburger led off the conversation by explaining in general terms why we were there. I continued the discussion in a forthright manner explaining our suspicions as to the nature of the objects and that we were desirous of obtaining the objects for examination in the U.S. as discreetly and as quickly as possible. [redacted] indicated a high degree of support for us and said that there would be no difficulty in securing cooperation in the return of the objects. He expressed some concern regarding that actual mechanics of the transfer of the material to U. S. custody. He said that he would arrange for a contact to be established, probably the [redacted] who would coordinate matters discreetly [redacted] He

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promised that I would be contacted as soon as possible regarding our contact point [redacted] We also agreed that it would not be prudent at this time to instigate a search for any further objects from the space vehicle which may have impacted until it was confirmed that the objects were part of a reconnaissance satellite. The meeting went very amiably with a spirit of cooperation indicated.

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As we were returning in the car, Mr. Eagleburger suggested that we make every effort to react quickly once contacts have been established. Following return to the Pentagon, I called Mr. Cohen on the West Coast asking that General Bradburn contact me at his convenience. I also briefed Dr. McLucas on the current status.



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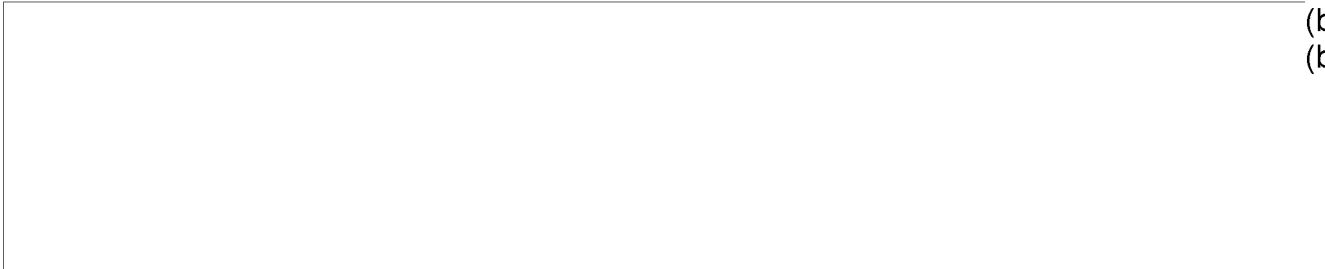
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It appears at this stage that the matter will be handled discreetly and smoothly. With all luck the objects should be returned on the [redacted] aircraft on Friday, November 3. I have requested that the boxes be tagged for the attention of [redacted] at NPIC so that the objects may remain in TK channels over the next weekend.

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