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THE NRO STAFF

4 November 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: State Department Briefing

On 3 November, Dr. Naka, Captain Geiger, and the undersigned made presentations to the following senior members of Mr. Ray Cline's staff at the State Department:

Mr. Ray S. Cline	-	Director of Intelligence and Research
Mr. David Mark	-	Dep Director of Regional Research
Mr. Leonard Weiss	-	Dep Director of Functional Research
Mr. Wymberley DeR Coerr	-	Dep Director of Coordination
Mr. William McAfee	-	Asst Dep Director of Coordination
Mr. Edward L. Peck	-	Spec Asst, Coordination
Mr. Frank H. Perez	-	Dep Director for Intelligence, Strategic and General Research
Mr. Leicester W. Cook, Jr.	-	Verification Specialist, Strategic and General Research
Mr. Richard W. Bogosian	-	Foreign Missiles and Space Specialist, Strategic and General Research
Mr. Irwin M. Tobin	-	Office Director, Research and Analysis
Mr. Kenneth Kerst	-	Dep Office Director, Research and Analysis
Mr. Robert Baraz	-	Spec Asst, Research and Analysis
Mr. Peter S. Perenyi	-	Staff Aide to Director of Intelligence and Research
Mr. William P. Deary	-	Spec Asst to Director of Intelligence and Research
Mr. Brewer J. Merriam	-	Director, Office of Current Intelligence
Mrs. Joan H. Downs	-	Spec Asst, Current Intelligence
Mr. Richard E. Curl	-	Spec Asst, Coordination

Part I of the presentation outlined actions taken by the NRO at the request of the State Department to insure GAMBIT coverage, if desired, of the Middle East Cease Fire Zone subsequent to the termination of the agreement on 5 November.

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Part II outlined the NRO potential for crises situations, i. e., CORONA, GAMBIT, HEXAGON, AUXIMITE, Fastback, Spin Scan, TAGBOARD, U-2, and SR-71. Some members of the audience appeared very interested in Spin Scan, although Mr. Cline did not endorse their views. In his opinion, endorsement of the Spin Scan, though attractive, would detract monetarily from the aggressive pursuit of a real-time readout system which he desires at the earliest possible date. He was advised that the NRO, through continual extension of on-orbit lifetimes of the GAMBIT and HEXAGON vehicles, would have photographic coverage 365 days a year by approximately 1974. Mr. Cline stated that the decision for an early "call down" of a bucket appears to be too difficult to make, and, consequently, he is an advocate for the real-time readout system.

Responding to Mr. Cline's questioning on the HEXAGON program, Dr. Naka reassured him that the March launch date looks rather firm.

I believe our presentation was well tuned to responding to Mr. Cline's letter of 4 September 1970; however, I think it was an "eye-opener" for his staff when we quoted some of the dollar figures required to establish an R-15 standby capability or develop one of the new crisis management type sensors.



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