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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MOORMAN

SUBJECT: Domestic Imagery

Over the past few weeks I have discussed the issue of overhead satellite domestic imagery with the following individuals: Joe Baclawski, Staff to the Chairman of COMIREX, [redacted] Chief, Admin. Services Division, [redacted] Chief OPS DIV/COMIREX, [redacted] CIA/GC, and [redacted] SAFSS Staff. I believe the above individuals provided a community cross section thereby enabling me to discern the actual operations procedures for imagery tasking. (b)(1) (b)(3)

Answers to your questions regarding domestic imagery are as follows:

1. How do we work engineering passes?

Prior to the 18 March 1986 COMIREX letter, Attachment 1, engineering passes were normally accomplished by direction of the satellite system's program director. These engineering tests would not necessarily be processed through the COMIREX tasking approval cycle but tasked with full knowledge of the Chief, OPS DIV. Today the requests for engineering tests are routed through the COMIREX approval cycle. Eventually, the plan is to have a documented blanket engineering test authorization for each program.

2. Do we have a waiver? If so from whom?

A waiver was not considered necessary to take domestic imagery for engineering tests. The reasoning was based on the fact that the "target" was not a "U.S. Person," therefore, no prohibition existed to the collection. See Attachment 2, E.O. 12333, page 59950. Additionally, the CIA documents under Attachments 3, 4 and 5 provide guidance (see clips) IAW E.O. 12333 on activities within and outside the U.S.

3. Is whatever we do consistent with the spirit and intent of E.O. 12333?

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In my opinion, we are consistent with the spirit and intent of E.O. 12333. We are doing better at documenting our actions today than in the past. No further action is required.



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5 Attachments

1. COMIREX Ltr, 18 Mar 86
2. E.O. 12333
3. Guidance IAW E.O. 12333
4. Guidance IAW E.O. 12333
5. Guidance IAW E.O. 12333

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