

23 DEC 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SIGINT Committee  
Chairman, COMIREX

SUBJECT: Intelligence Requirements for Manned Space Station  
Activities

REFERENCE: Memorandum from AD/OA&E to D/ICS, same subject, dated  
22 December 1982

1. The SIGINT Committee and COMIREX are hereby directed to conduct, in conjunction with the National Reconnaissance Office, brief surveys to determine the nature, priority, and uniqueness of intelligence requirements that could be fulfilled by a Manned Space Station. The SIGINT Committee should not limit its efforts to the classical SIGINT arena. (TS/TK)

2. The SIG(Space) has formed a Manned Space Station Working Group to provide advice on policy issues to be resolved prior to an Administration decision on whether to proceed with the development of a permanent manned space station. In the process of doing this, the Working Group needs to review the mission requirements for such a program. NASA with financial assistance from DoD, has let contracts with a number of U.S. aerospace firms to explore potential requirements for a Manned Space Station. These studies cover the scientific, technological and commercial requirements for both the U.S. and any potential foreign market. The contractors have been tasked to address the national security requirements but, due to security restraints, have produced little, if anything, specifically related to potential intelligence applications. (S)

3. [redacted] OA&E, is the intelligence community representative on the SIG(Space) Manned Space Station Working Group and is prepared to assist the Collection Committees by facilitating NASA Manned Space Station concept briefings, acting as a link to the Working Group, etc. (e) (b)(3)

4. By separate memorandum the DNRO has been requested to support the COMIREX and SIGINT Committee efforts by providing appropriate technical and operational expertise, as well as determining any operational/support requirement. (S/TK)

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5. In order to meet its reporting requirements to the SIG(Space), the Working Group needs input on intelligence requirements by mid March 1983. (S)



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