DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

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NOTE FOR CAPTAIN

SUBJECT: Unidentified Space Debris

We have done some preliminary checking on the three pieces of space debris reported by the SDC. It appears that they have been observed for two years or longer but were not reported because they could not be identified with a particular launch.

We offer the observations that all U.S. launches are and have been reported and that presently it has not been determined whether or not the objects in question were associated with a DOD launch.

If we find anything further I will inform you.

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