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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PACKARD

I have just had another talk with Ed David about the EOI/FROG problem during which he expressed some thoughts that ~~exemplify~~ amplify and to some extent modify his earlier views.

He said that he had been inclined to go along with your views when it appeared that an ExCom consensus could be reached. Now that such a consensus has not evolved, he feels he should bring forward some of his more basic feelings.

In particular, Ed thinks we might be charging too hard by recommending EOI only as our Option 1. He feels that in the absence of any definite statement of urgency, we should proceed more deliberately, perhaps following a sort of fly before you buy program. Going ahead with the cheaper system, FROG, in order to gain some experience in utilizing the <sup>near</sup> real time <sup>satellite photo</sup> intelligence <sup>products</sup> ~~takes~~ in our national planning, command and control processes would be consistent with such a deliberate approach.

Ed asked that I present these views to you before the matter is raised to the President's level.