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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301



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Honorable Allen J. Ellender  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your letter of July 9, 1971, we have thoroughly reviewed the capabilities, timeliness, and costs associated with the readout photographic reconnaissance programs: Electro-optical Imaging system and Film Readout GAMBIT system. We have decided that only one program, EOI, is necessary. On this basis, we can identify \$120M, which we had programmed for FROG, for deletion from the FY 1972 budget of the National Reconnaissance Program.

We also decided earlier to cut back the TAGBOARD drone program which reduced the NRP by \$2.6M.

The NRP is a very important program and we hope to have your continuing support.

Sincerely,

David Packard

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Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
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