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The Honorable David Packard  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Dave:

Now that the decision has been made to go ahead with the EOI system, we must decide upon a site for the ground facilities and initiate acquisition and construction actions. Over the past several months, we have considered a number of possible locations [redacted] from the standpoint of electromagnetic environment, community impact, ease of cover, and, most important, reasonable proximity to the analytic resources of the DOD and CIA.

The most promising area we have scouted is [redacted]. We have informally ascertained that such an operation there appears feasible. Before making a final recommendation, however, we must know more about plans for land usage and the geologic environment at [redacted].

I would appreciate your approval to brief Secretary Froehlike and General Westmoreland on our plans and to arrange an approach to the [redacted] to explore the feasibility of using that post for the ground facilities.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms  
Director

cc: Dr. John McLucas

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