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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Readout Satellites

Dave Packard has informed me of the options being considered within ExCom for readout satellites. As I understand the alternatives, they include:

Option 1 -- Develop EOI only with an IOC of 1976

Option 2 -- Develop FROG with an IOC of 1974, and develop EOI later with an IOC of 1978.

Dave has also informed me of his belief we should solicit the President's views on the criticality of early versus delayed availability of the proposed readout satellites. I understand Dave's desires. I also have been informed you and he talked about the possibility of sending separate memoranda to the President, ostensibly to reflect varying views about the options available.

I would hope that the provisions of the ExCom charter (signed by the Secretary of Defense and Director of Central Intelligence) would apply. The charter, as you may recall, specifies referral of disagreements within ExCom to the Secretary of Defense. In accordance with that provision, I have received a memorandum from Dave Packard. I trust I shall similarly receive a memorandum from you before any further actions are taken.

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