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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: FULCRUM Investigation at the Itek Corporation

Mr. Walt Levison called this afternoon to advise me that Mr. Bross (CIA) was at the Itek Corporation performing in an IG-type inspection to determine the facts and circumstances leading to Itek's recent refusal to continue work on FULCRUM.

Walt pointed out that Bross might very well ask him if he had contacted anyone in the NRO shortly prior to, or on the day of, the dramatic announcement. Walt was recalling the fact that he had telephoned me on 24 February; he now asked if he could have my permission to refer to that conversation. His purpose was to be as comprehensive and frank as possible in describing for Mr. Bross the events surrounding the FULCRUM decision.

I assured Walt that I had no objection to reference to our conversation. I did request, however, that if he mentioned the conversation he should disclose its contents, in order to avoid improper connotations. I stated that I had a Memo for Record covering our conversation, listing the key points as follows:

1. That he had called to ask procedural advice after the corporate decision had been made,
2. That we had agreed that the first step was to get in touch with Mr. McCone,
3. That we had agreed that an announcement should be made to the Land Committee as soon as possible after Mr. McCone had been advised,
4. That I had agreed to arrange a guaranteed interview with Dr. McMillan and Mr. Land as soon as Walt should ask for it.


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