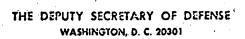
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Honorable Allen J. Ellender Chairman, Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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 too programs: Electro-optical Imaging system and Film Readout are 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.

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

Sincerely

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