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THE NRO STAFF



MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: A Readout Satellite System

At the right is a reply by Mr. Packard to a request from Dr. Kissinger that the readout issue be addressed in a week or two to insure FY 70 action.

The attachment referenced is the Packard memorandum establishing the Benington study. The time scale of that study is sometime in July, consistent with the proposed ExCom meeting.

CIA is quite unhappy with the turn of events and feels that Mr. Packard's statement, "Until we have decided on whether to proceed with a new system, ..." is at variance with his earlier "decision."

The Benington study is underway and should provide perspective, but the controversy exists.

LEW ALLEN, JR.
Colonel, USAF

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Readout Satellite System

Reference: Your memorandum of May 12, 1969, same subject

I agree that this issue should come before the ExCom for resolution before returning to the 303 Committee. However, as indicated in the attached memorandum, it will require a few weeks to prepare and examine the options available to us. I believe this work must be done to support our discussions in ExCom or with the BoB. Until we have decided on whether to proceed with a new system, we will apportion available FY 70 funds so as to preserve the option to proceed.

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Attachment

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