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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing to the Secretary of State

At the Friday morning Intelligence Breakfast on October 2, Mr. Packard suggested a briefing for Secretary Rogers primarily on crises response. Mr. Packard was concerned, for example, that the Suez cease fire was effected at midnight--a time when it is very hard to establish a photographic baseline. It was agreed that the presentation would be in three parts. Dr. McLucas was to lead off and talk about denied area reconnaissance in general, Admiral Gayler would follow with SIGINT collection activities and General Bennett would wind up the presentation concentrating on photographic collection activities.

A briefing was given in the State Department Situation Room on November 17. Scheduled for one hour, the briefing lasted for two and held the attention of Secretary Rogers, Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson, Ambassador Wymberley DeR Coerr, and Mr. Ray Cline. Although question were aired throughout the briefing, there was a ten minute question and answer period following General Bennett's presentation. Questions included when would a near real-time readout system be available and what backup satellite launch capability did we have to respond to crises. As an overall observation, the briefings served as information for the Secretary and neither raised nor answered any significant questions.

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The following is a list of attendees:

Secretary Rogers	State
U. Alexis Johnson	State
Wymberley DeR Coerr	State
Ray Cline	State
Lt General Donald V. Bennett	DIA
Mr. John Hughes	DIA
Admiral Gayler	NSA
Dr. McLucas	NRO
Dr. Naka	NRO
Major Hofmann	NRO
Mr. Morrison	DASD(I)
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