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WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 12, 1971



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATHRIGHT, STATE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: NSAM 156 Committee Third Draft SALT Paper

We find that the paper accurately reflects the views of the NRO expressed at the November 11 meeting. Since Dr. McLucas will not be back from his trip until after November 18, we reserve final concurrence until he reviews the paper. Of course, we would also withhold our final concurrence pending review of other agency comments to the draft.

As a matter of addition to the paper, it is suggested that the following wording be added to Recommendation Number 2, to be inserted after the third sentence: "It will also be explained in response to questions that 'The Soviet Union will also employ information-gathering satellites as a part of their national technical means.'"

We believe that this addition is essential to insure the efficacy of the statements contained in Recommendation Number 3 where it is stated that ". . . two sides have agreed not to interfere with the national technical means of verification of the other side."

It would be appreciated if you would incorporate this addition prior to clearing the paper with Ambassador Johnson. I am also sending a copy of this letter to the other Committee members.

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