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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN DRAIM

SUBJECT: COMIREX Guidelines

Regarding our conversation of last week, following are some thoughts on a repeat request for COMIREX to address the requirements posed by a Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty. This requirement should be incorporated in the COMIREX Guidelines which you are preparing.

It is requested that COMIREX define the total photographic requirements expected with the advent of a Strategic Arms Limitation agreement with the Soviet Union. Since there is no way of defining the precise terms of a potential agreement, it is reasonable to assume that the U. S. August 4 proposal would be the most comprehensive expected agreement. Many interagency studies have been accomplished assessing the capability to verify mutually independent activities, such as upgrading fixed ICBMs, and SAM upgrade to ABM. Lacking, however, is a comprehensive study on the additive impact of the August 4 proposal taken as a whole. We are concerned that there may be continuing highly concentrated requirements, such as monitoring a large geographic area for verifying deployment of mobile ICBMs, which would be additive to the normally tasked required coverage. It is felt that effort expended in definition at this time will be fruitful in assuring that there are sufficient NRP resources available to satisfy foreseen normal and new SAL generated requirements.

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