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Dear Bob,

I appreciate your memorandum of July 16 concerning your activities in the ocean surveillance area. I assume this implies that your interests have broadened from the basic radar surveillance approach in Program 749 to include passive sensors as well. I agree that NRP technology would be directly applicable. My staff will be most happy to work out the administrative details and provide information on technology as your program progresses.

A fundamental question has arisen, based on the increased interest in ocean surveillance, battle field surveillance, etc. The question is the national versus tactical purpose of such requirements. Discussions have been conducted in this area, and I'm sure many more will follow. The resolution of this question will assist both of us in the assignment of management and fiscal responsibility.

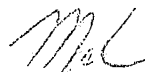
As you know, my staff is currently working with the Navy through Program C in an augmentation of the POPPY system for ocean surveillance. This effort appears to be similar in nature but on a near time basis to that proposed in your memorandum. It occurs to me that at this point the Navy might find it beneficial to evaluate its present organizational structure for space activities in light of its role in the NRO, ocean surveillance and other future space objectives. From a security and administrative standpoint, it would be desirable to have only one "black" space office

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in the Navy. Perhaps we should discuss this in the near future. In the interim, I would appreciate your designating a contact for my staff to work with in this area.

Sincerely,



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