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Intelligence Community Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office Staff

FROM: Director, Office of SIGINT Collection

SUBJECT: Impact of HEXAGON 20 Delay on Launch of FARRAH II and LORRI II

1. The recent decision to delay the launch of HEXAGON 20 from February 1985 to February 1986 has an impact on the operational availability of both the FARRAH II and LORRI II SIGINT pallets. Each of these systems will be targeted against high priority SIGINT requirements, and both satellites were programmed to be operationally available in early 1985. Evidently they may not be available now until early 1986. ~~(TS/BYE)~~

2. Considering the importance of these collection resources and an apparent reduction in the availability of the FARRAH I system, request that you review any options that might restore the original FARRAH II and LORRI II schedules. ~~(TS/BYE)~~

3. Assuming that a speedup is feasible, we would like to discuss options with you as soon as possible. Please let me know when a meeting would be convenient and I will make arrangements with the other ICS offices that are involved. ~~(U)~~

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