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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

24 July 1987

The Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to update the 21 January 1987 letter from the Acting Director of Central Intelligence that described our reconstitution plan for recovery from the loss of the LORRI-2 SIGINT collection platform. As you may recall, this payload was lost in April 1986 and Congress authorized and appropriated \$15 million of FY 1987 funds to partially reconstitute the lost SIGINT capability. The letter outlined three activities to be funded in FY 1987 of which two were to be initiated and a third held in reserve until outyear funding status became known. (TS/B)

Class I EW (30-38 GHz) The two initiatives already started are proceeding well. The first, a small search payload, will be available for launch in the Summer of 1988. The second, modifications to FARRAH-3, [redacted]

[redacted] Regarding the third initiative consisting of development of a small W-Band (above 70 GHz) payload, I believe that it would be prudent to proceed with selected development activities at this time. Collection in this band presents several technical challenges that need to be better understood before committing to a system concept. To meet these challenges, I am releasing the remainder of the appropriated funds for this effort. (TS/B-[redacted])

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster for
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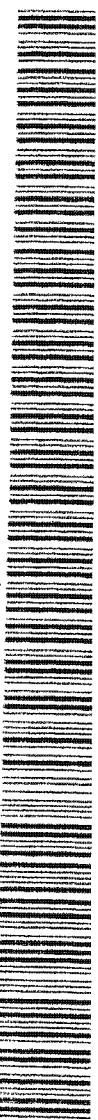
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