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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
 THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
 THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
 ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
 SECURITY AFFAIRS (ATTN: MR. GEORGE TENET)
 CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
 THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (C³I)
 DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: NRO January 1994 Satellite Launch Forecast

A [] COMINT MAPPING satellite (CARRIE/Mission 7245) is currently forecast for launch from Vandenberg, AFB NET 27 January 1994.

Mission 7245 is a Joint NRO/ARPA experimental COMINT MAPPING spacecraft which will collect signals in the 100-850 MHz range. These signals are geolocated on-board the spacecraft and then directly downlinked to the U.S. ARMY ELINT Processing and Dissemination System (EPDS) vans in theater and via the Air Force's Remote Tracking Stations []
 This demonstration project will test the concept of rapid satellite commanding and on-board data processing with direct data readout to the tactical user. As a secondary experiment, the tactical commander will test his capability to directly task the satellite payload from an EPDS van. Initial Operational Capability (IOC) of Mission 7245 is scheduled for February 1994.

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The next NRO satellite launch forecast will be issued thirty days prior to the next launch.

(signed)

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