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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert S. McNamara  
Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: The Manned Orbital Laboratory

This will confirm that, in accordance with the understanding reached at the meeting of the President's Space Council on 9 July 1965, I have instructed the appropriate committee of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) to examine the intelligence requirements for very high resolution photography of the character envisaged for acquisition by the Manned Orbital Laboratory (MOL). Obviously it is important that the USIB study of requirements should be based on as full an understanding as possible of the projected capabilities and performance characteristics of the MOL. Accordingly, I am writing Dr. Brown to suggest that he arrange to have the members of the USIB Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance, as well as members of USIB, briefed on the intelligence potentialities of the MOL. As an assessment of these potentialities may change as development of the system proceeds, I think it will be desirable for a representative of Dr. Brown's office to maintain contact with the Chairman of the USIB Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance on a continuing basis so that USIB may be kept informed of any changes in the design or concept of the MOL which would have an effect on its intelligence collection capabilities. In the meantime, USIB is proceeding with its study of the needs of the intelligence community for [REDACTED] resolution of photographic coverage, which is the performance which I understand to be ultimately contemplated for the MOL.

(signed)

W. F. RABORN

cc: Mr. Vance  
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