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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Defense Research  
and Engineering

SUBJECT : Intelligence Requirements for the  
MOL Program

1. Mr. Carl Duckett has advised me of your telephone conversation with him on Saturday and we have subsequently reviewed the Development Concept paper for MOL provided by your staff. If you wish to insert a reference to my reservations as to the intelligence requirements for this system, I suggest it might be done on Page 2 in that portion referring to the 1965 study by USIB's Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance or on Page 10 where concurrences with Secretary McNamara's recommendation are shown. The following statement summarizes my views:

Mr. Helms, Director of Central Intelligence, has reservations as to the value of [redacted] resolution photography for national intelligence purposes. He recognizes that photography with resolution better than that obtainable by the GAMBIT - 3 System would be helpful but does not believe studies conducted to date show that the value of this increased resolution justifies the expenditures associated with the MOL Program. He has initiated a review of these studies.

2. I hope this statement will serve your immediate needs and I will advise you when our study is completed.

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Richard Helms  
Director

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