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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. MC LUCAS

SUBJECT: Historic NRP Systems
for the Smithsonian Institution

It has occurred to me that a number of NRP systems which we have phased down, are phasing down, or are presently operating should be considered as possible gifts to the Smithsonian Institution for historic value. It would be necessary to identify each system or object and arrange suitable black storage until declassification became possible.

I have already mentioned the idea to Itek for the CORONA, to Lockheed for the U-2A, as well as to the NRO Staff in general. The Staff says that some older satellites are already stored at Vandenberg for historic value.

If you concur, I will set up an organized plan.



Good idea

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