MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Herman Pollack, Director
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Subject: Soviet attitude toward earth resources survey by satellite

I had occasion to appear on a panel program at the
University of West Virginia earlier this week with Igor
Andreev, Counselor to the Soviet Mission to the UN. We
were asked by the audience whether international political
difficulties might be expected in connection with earth
resources survey satellites. I was asked to respond first
and did so along established lines, viz: The use of space
for peaceful purposes has been well established in UN
resolutions and in the Outer Space Treaty, and looking at
the earth from space has been established in practice
through US and Soviet meteorological satellite and manned
flight programs over nearly a decade and without challenge.
I was then asked to what extent this might depend on the
resolution of imaging devices in satellites. I replied
that the principle was valid without regard to resolution.

I then turned to Andreev and asked if he disagreed. He
stated that the position was a correct one with which the
Soviet Union fully agreed and that he could see no problem
in connection with earth resources survey by satellite.

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