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Dear Noel:

I think that the arrangement we have had since the [redacted] [redacted] has demonstrated the positive value of joint NRO/NSA satellite operations. I have been pleased with reports on the results of our initial manning at NSA (SSSC) and think that we should develop an even closer relationship in satellite operations. Toward this end, I suggest that our staffs work out details and report to us by the end of May. During the interim, we are proceeding with plans to increase our manning at the SSSC.

Yours truly,

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I think that the methods of joint NRO/NSA satellite operations which we have used at shipping with the [redacted] have been quite effective. I have been pleased with the results of our initial manning at NSA (SSSC) & I believe we should extend this concept to include the full range of systems of joint interest. Col. Nels & Capt. Herman have studied this subject over a period of time & prepared their review of joint operations some time in May. In view of the next session of NSCIP-6, I suggest that they let their review now & report to us within a few weeks their recommendations for how to make our operations even more fruitful. BYE

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