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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting to Discuss CORONA Application to ERS

[redacted] called on November 19 to inform us that a meeting was planned at the EOB for November 26 (subsequently changed to December 4). Those to be present were:

Dr. Steininger, White House
 [redacted] Interior
 Mr. Jaffe, NASA
 Dr. Naka or other NRO representatives
 Dr. Martin, White House
 [redacted] Agriculture
 General Smart, NASA
 Mr. Packard, State
 [redacted] OS&T
 [redacted] White House

The purpose of this meeting was to be a discussion at the TK level regarding Dr. McLucas' offer to NASA of the use of the CORONA spacecraft in the earth resources role. [redacted] said that studies have been conducted which point toward some of the NRO offer being applicable to NASA. He said that the ERTS A and B missions do not really seem to satisfy the need and that BOB has said there will be no money for earth resources at all. In this respect, [redacted] pointed out that BOB is in conflict not only with members of Congress who want money for this purpose in NASA, but also with the desires of the President, who said there would be an earth resources program.

The first task before this group will be to decide what is a meaningful program for NASA. Once decided, the issue of ERS (and the possible

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use of CORONA) would be readdressed to the BOB and hopefully resolved by the end of December.



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