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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit by [REDACTED], DDR&E

On the first of October, [REDACTED] of DDR&E visited to ask NRO assistance on a report he is preparing in response to a request from Mr. Packard. The study is specifically related to the CIP and the CCP. What [REDACTED] will be studying is the requirements, management, and exploitation flow of these programs and attempting to determine the efficiency of the CIP and CCP collection effort. He mentioned several elements of those programs which appeared to have questionable value. He further mentioned the very diffuse management arrangements in the CIP and CCP and his belief that the management structure could very well be a reason for the ineffectiveness of the collection operation. He believes that the overhead reconnaissance product collected by the NRO is valuable and responsive to requirements. He would like, however, to use the NRP as an example of effective management of an intelligence program. Specifically, he wants to address only those systems which collect against Soviet strategic offensive capabilities.

I told him that we have looked at the CIP and the CCP as comparisons with the NRP and that we should be able to provide him some help in this area. He specifically mentioned five systems that he would like to use as examples: CORONA, HEXAGON, GAMBIT, [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] that he would have to discuss his requirements with Colonel Allen and Colonel Yost. He saw the necessity of this and will attempt to set up a meeting with Col Allen and Col Yost, myself, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] in the next day or two. I told [REDACTED] that I would inform Col Allen of this request so that the subject would not hit him cold.

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