

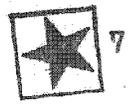
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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. MC LUCAS

SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed Agenda for ExCom Meeting

I have discussed the agenda as I indicated I would with General Berg, [redacted], Colonel Worthman, and Colonel Allen. Comments on each item are listed under your original headings.

1. Alternate Plans for SALT Presentations at Geneva.

There are developments going on with regard to the proposal discussed with you on Saturday and there may be other developments prior to the ExCom meeting. The alternate for inspection employing a CORONA-like system and its resultant resolution would, of course, if accepted, be of interest to ExCom. Depending on developments, you may wish to give a brief resume on the recently suggested alternatives for inspection which have been under consideration by the NSSM 28 Steering Committee.

2. New Rules on Resolution Limits of Black Programs.

This subject has been under consultation within the Space Applications Coordinating Committee for some time. Their question refers to refining existing limitations on the resolution limits of NASA earth observation activities which will be subject to the consideration, if deemed necessary, of the Manned Space Flight Policy Committee. These discussions may well pose no problem of interest to the ExCom and certainly no report would be necessary prior to the conclusion of the current discussions. However, Item One above emphasizes a new arena for this subject and once again, depending on developments, you may wish to give a brief resume on the subject. Otherwise, recommend this not be on the agenda.

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3. MOL/HEXADOR. As you know, the MOL is an Air Force project not within the purview of the ExCom. In view of Dr. Seamans' reported intention to approach the White House, it is proposed that this not be discussed. However, if out of those discussions there is a decision to go some other route such as HEXADOR which would affect the NRP, then a report to the ExCom would be in order.

4. Significance of Froehlke's Role in Intelligence Systems Review. It is recommended that Froehlke's role not be discussed at least until his report is in and considered which is some 45 days downstream. On the other hand, it may be, unknown to us, that Mr. Packard wants to amplify what he has in mind in this new assignment.

5. Congressional Hearings on the 1970 Budget.
[redacted] feels that, if we have had Congressional hearing sessions between now and the ExCom meeting, status of those sessions might be furnished orally. He sees no point in discussing the hearings other than in that context.

6. CORONA/HEXAGON Overlap. Colonel Allen is working on this problem with the Agency and with the West Coast. It is suggested that in view of our concern on the reliable availability of a search capability through mid-calendar year 1972 in the light of the HEXAGON schedule, that you might well make an oral report on the situation as of the time of the ExCom meeting.

7. Proposed New Item 7: FY 1970 Financial Program ExCom Review. Normally the ExCom's review has been held in mid- or late-August, delayed that long principally to determine the size of any unobligated balances. Usually there have been none. In view of the issues involved in [redacted] and other issues, [redacted] thinks it would be wise to move this forward to a period between the 20th and the end of July. It would be useful to advise the ExCom that this is the plan.

In view of Mr. Packard's desire to have Dr. Land attend the ExCom to discuss [redacted] satellite systems and in view of the amount of time that might take, it is proposed that the meeting be called, when convenient to the principals and Dr. Land, principally for this purpose with provision on the agenda for items which we recommend to be covered if time permits. If it does not, then they can be postponed--except for the question of CORONA/HEXAGON overlap--to the next meeting which, as

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proposed under the new item, could be in the latter part of July. Accordingly, attached is a draft agenda which is drawn up in the light of the comments in this paper.

If you approve of the attached draft agenda and our suggestions on these items, the Staff will begin preparation of talking papers for you.

James Q. Reber
James Q. Reber

Attachment
Draft ExCom Agenda

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AGENDA

1. Discussion of [redacted] Satellite Systems with Dr. Land.
2. CORONA/HEXAGON Overlap.

Oral report by the DNRO on the status of NRP search capability through mid-CY 1972 in light of the HEXAGON schedule.
3. Other Business.

Items to be raised and presented orally by DNRO.
Not to be listed on agenda.

Alternate Plans for SALT
Presentations at Geneva.

FY 1970 Financial Program Review.

Status of Congressional Hearings
on the 1970 Budget.

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