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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Luncheon Meeting with Chairman Miller, Members  
Teague, Karth, Daddario and Brown, 22 September 1969

The purpose of the meeting was to give Congressman George E. Brown a chance to raise questions with respect to his interest in Air Force satellite programs. He said that he is interested in NASA developing an earth resources program, and he thought that Air Force experience could be valuable.

I briefly outlined the history of the Air Force satellite program - talked about the agreement with NASA as to where the dividing line would be between Air Force and NASA interests - talked about the recent ExCom meeting at which it was decided to relax the limits on NASA earth resources satellite photography - and referred to the feeling of ExCom members that we should do what we can to encourage NASA's interest in scientific subjects, including satellite photography, real time readout and display, astronomical work using high grade optical components and the like. I referred to the forthcoming meeting with Dr. Homer Newell at which time we expect to explain to him the basis on which we will work with NASA in the future in these areas. I suggested to Congressman Brown that he contact Dr. Newell directly and talk to him about an earth resources program and get his ideas on just what type program NASA would like and what it would cost.

Congressman Brown seems to have considerable question as to whether NASA can realistically price this kind of program. I told him we would be glad to take the material which he gets from NASA to review and make suggestions on costs and about how Air Force resources could be used. I told him that if NASA chose the real time readout, that our experience would not be too valuable, but that if they wanted some basis for a start, we could describe our CORONA experience. I suggested that if NASA wanted to make an early start they could in fact buy some CORONAs, have us launch them, recover them and supply the output to them for

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analysis. Another approach is just to supply them with some old film.

The other members, particularly Teague and Daddario, felt that my suggestion that George Brown should work closely with Dr. Newell was a good one and would obviate the necessity for us to get into much detail with George Brown. We parted on a friendly note, although George Brown seemed a little less than satisfied.



John L. McLucas

cc: Dr. Seamans  
Col. Allen

Attachment

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Representative George Brown (California)

At approximately 0930 hours today Congressman George Brown (Calif.) called Colonel Arnold and requested the name of "that Major General who had lunch with me the other day." Colonel Arnold stated that it was Major General John R. Murphy, Director of Legislative Liaison of the Air Force.

Congressman Brown then went on to state that he wanted this information to write and thank the Under Secretary of the Air Force for a very nice luncheon. The Congressman further stated that he enjoyed the luncheon but unfortunately was not given any of the information which he requested and that consequently he was still not happy with the Air Force. He also said that he felt the other Congressmen had been invited to keep him from asking questions concerning earth resources satellites because they didn't have any interest in these satellites. He further stated that he would go to Dr. Homer Newell of NASA for the information, as suggested by Under Secretary McLucas, but if he didn't get the information which he wanted he would come back to the Air Force.

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Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Congressional  
Investigations Division  
Office of Legislative Liaison

cc: Under Secretary McLucas ✓  
Major General Murphy

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