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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Review and Comments on the Draft Report of the Verification Study

This memorandum responds to your oral request for our review and comments on the August 7th draft report of the verification study.

I have reviewed the report and find several inaccurate and/or misleading statements concerning NRP systems. I also believe that several policy questions concerning the use of satellite reconnaissance systems for SALT verification have not been adequately addressed.

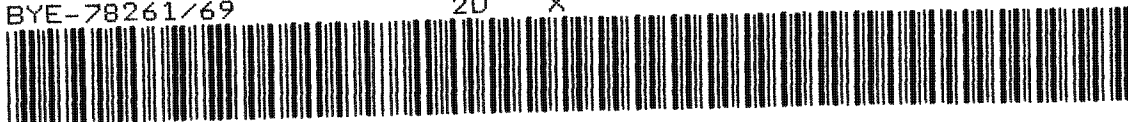
A correct assessment of the capability of the U. S. to verify a strategic arms limitation agreement is in my opinion one of the most crucial problems facing this Administration. Discussions and papers prepared to date have not taken proper account of all the issues nor drawn on the knowledge of our NRO Staff. Thus some statements have been made which are not in accord with actual capabilities of NRP systems.

This report illustrates these points. Although it is called a "Summary," it does not include many of the pertinent facts and issues developed by sub-panels.

It is essential that the capabilities and limitations of current NRP systems and those under development are precisely represented by the agencies involved in SALT preparations.

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I would propose, therefore, that the NRO be given an active role in the verification discussions relative to SALT. As a first action, I suggest that you approve my responding directly to Dr. Lynn with our detailed comments on the Summary Report.

John L. McLucas

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