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October 9, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. MC LUCAS

SUBJECT: Vulnerable Reconnaissance Study  
Chaired by [redacted]

This brief report on [redacted]'s committee is for your information.

Purpose

[redacted]'s Vulnerable Reconnaissance Study began mid-September and he expects to conclude it by mid-November. "Vulnerable" has a special connotation here. Not only must the vehicle be susceptible to capture or destruction, but such enemy action must be able to embarrass the United States Government. Thus, [redacted] defines satellites as not being vulnerable.

Committee Membership

The committee, or Executive Committee as [redacted] calls it, is listed on Attachment A.

Itinerary

The schedule of briefings of the committee is given in Attachment B. Note that the NRO Staff briefed the committee on October 1. In addition to these briefings, a group of three-- [redacted], Major General Liebman, and [redacted]--have

talked with Mr. Froehлке and General Wheeler

visited AFSS Sept 25  
SAC Sept 26

and plan to visit CINCLANT Oct 9  
CINCEUR Not sched.  
CINCPAC Not sched.

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The purpose of the study is to investigate reconnaissance from manned aircraft, drones, and ships. The principal emphasis at the moment is on SIGINT collection from manned aircraft. Satellites are considered an alternate platform.

I have been working with the committee on a third priority basis. I have given the U-2 study priority 1, the HEXAGON review priority 2, and general NRO activities, priority 4. I hope to get the first two items out of the way by the end of October and then pay more attention to  committee and the FY 1971 NRP Budget.

*Bob*

F. Robert Naka

## Attachments

- A. Vulnerable Reconnaissance  
Study Personnel
- B. Schedule of Briefings

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VULNERABLE RECONNAISSANCE STUDY PERSONNEL

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SCHEDULE OF BRIEFINGS

Vulnerable Reconnaissance Study Committee

September 17	0900	Executive Session
	1000	JRC
September 24	0900	Executive Session
	1000	DIA Briefing
	1400	USIB
October 1	0900	Executive Session
	1000	NRP
	1400	NSA
October 8	0900	Executive Session
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