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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX

SUBJECT: United States Intelligence Board Meeting April 27, 1967

In its consideration of the subject of decontrol or downgrading of TALENT-KEYHOLE materials, the USIB reached agreement on three matters:

- That the fact of the collection of satellite photography be acknowledged at the SECRET level.
- That more liberalized procedures should be devised to permit publication of satellite-derived intelligence in reports at the SECRET and TOP SECRET levels to include a simple statement confirming the satellite source.
- That the photography itself not be released from the System although COMOR should consider simplification of procedures related to approval for sanitization of selected photography to permit its use by Strike Forces.

The COMOR has been asked to submit to the Board the detailed procedures whereby point b. above would be accomplished. Board approval of such procedures will precede action with regard to the first decision. At that time the Board will have to conclude upon the procedure whereby relevant Government officials are advised of the fact of United States collection by satellite means.

The Board also agreed to recommend the use of one of the remaining G's to meet the GMAIC requirement for repeated

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coverage of certain missile test facilities. It also recommends the standby G for the aborted ${\rm G}^3$ mission be used as promptly as feasible.

The Board expressed an understandable concern that the repetitive coverage G mission and the G³ for June be so launched as not to interfere with one another. This will obviously be taken into account by General Martin. It also, of course, bears some relation to NPIC's receipt of the film from the two missions which I am sure will be discussed in the near future by COMOR at which time Colonel Howard will participate in the discussion.

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