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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF SECURITY/CIA

SUBJECT: Identification of NRP Information That May Be
Handled in Other Than BYEMAN Control Channels

REF: BYE 56968-66

I have reviewed your proposed security policy, Identification of NRP Information That May Be Handled in Other Than BYEMAN Control Channels. It is my considered opinion that policy proposed is both viable and responsive to the needs of the program in the total sense.

I have personal reservations however related to several of the items appearing in the attachments which are intended to reflect present agreements on release. These reservations are not related to the matter of security but instead relate to the processes, whereby data, pertaining to new terrestrial image-forming sensors or major modifications of existing systems, is validated for the benefit of the intelligence community. At present, the content of such data to be released is a matter over which I am in a position to exercise personal control. Under the terms of your proposed policy, Senior Intelligence Officers would be authorized to release data which the NRO may or may not have yet fully validated.

I feel that both the viability and the responsiveness of the policy can be maintained, while at the same time being responsive to my reservations by the addition of a sentence to the first paragraph under Policy. The revised paragraph would read in total as follows:

"Senior Intelligence Officers will identify the technological information required to accomplish the above purpose. Based on this, the D/NRO and the Program Directors will release that information deemed essential in accordance with the principles

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outlined in subparagraphs 1-5 below. Present agreements on release, which will be updated as required, are specified in the attachments. In order to insure the validity of the information, Senior Intelligence Officers will obtain the prior approval of the D/NRO for any first-time release of technological data related to any new equipments or major modifications of operating systems."

With the single exception of the change suggested above, I agree that proposed policy is appropriate and concur to its publication as a COMOR Directive.

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Director

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