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61. ~~(S)~~ OS/Security Policy e-mail to MSO/IDRC [ ] (b)(3)  
[ ] 31 July 2000, SUBJECT: "Impact of  
Declassification of the Helms Paper." This E-mail reads in  
part, "Attached is a summary of the specific information  
which is now declassified as a result of the determination  
by the DNRO that the subject paper is declassified."  
(emphasis added) The paper attached to the E-mail reads:  
"For your reference and action as required, the DNRO has  
declared as unclassified NRO related information in the  
Helms paper. Key areas of information declassified by this  
decision which must be considered in responding to FIOA,  
Mandatory Declassification, Prepublication, and IRDC  
reviews are listed below:

- The fact that Hughes made the relay satellite, and that Tony Iorillo was the principal architect.
- The 19 December 1976 first launch of the near real-time electro optical imagery satellite (the name KENNEN is still classified SECRET), and the fact that a successful link-up occurred with the relay satellite over the then USSR.
- Fact that Charles Roth was the program manager for the first near real-time imaging satellite system.
- Fact that President Ford declared the system operational on 20 January 1977."

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