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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

8 September 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

Approved By The
Under Secretary of the Air Force

SUBJECT: [] Capabilities for SALT Verification

At Tab A is a memorandum from General Allen discussing the value of [] for SALT verification. General Allen feels that [] has certain capabilities which are unique and crucial to the verification process; further, he believes that the verification mission should be given primary consideration in any design changes in future []. General Allen would like your permission to discuss these matters directly with the people responsible for verification.

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General Allen forwarded the paper at Tab B which was prepared by Mr. Briner of the Aerospace Corporation. Mr. Briner gives a series of scenarios in which specific violations of the treaty are postulated, followed by explanations of the ways [] would be used to detect these violations.

I believe General Allen's memorandum and Mr. Briner's report are most constructive and timely. General Allen is uniquely qualified to take a personal role in the shaping of our satellite collection in support of SALT; and Mr. Briner's scenario-oriented approach is a very significant contribution to that process.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend that you approve General Allen's request for a direct dialogue with the appropriate members of the Verification Panel. These discussions should include the possible expansion of work by the Aerospace Corporation or other NRO resources to prepare further analyses along the lines of Mr. Briner's paper.

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With your concurrence, I will work out a schedule of meetings for General Allen.

David D. Bradburn
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Brigadier General, USAF

Attachments

Tab A - Allen's memo 28 Aug 72
re SALT Verification (BYE 16037-72)

Tab B - Briner's paper 25 Aug 72
re Col Req derived from
ABM Treaty and Assoc Interpretations

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Yes ML

No _____

This is a good idea. However, I should coordinate with Gordon, Burke + Al Hall. Will do.

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