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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PACKARD
MR. HELMS
DR. DAVID

SUBJECT: Special April ExCom Agenda

The next NRP Executive Committee meeting is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 1971. There are five agenda items to be addressed. These are listed below together with a statement of the issue and background. Your comments are required to assist the NRO in providing you with the necessary information prior to the meeting.

a. EOI System

Issue: What EOI configuration(s) should be pursued and at what rate should the program proceed?

Background: At the January 1971 ExCom meeting, you asked that a review of the program be held in two or three months and that several configurations (involving area coverage in particular) be pursued.

b. Interim Systems

Issue: Should the NRO acquire some improved imagery response time capability prior to EOI? If so, should the funds be obtained within the current NRP?

Background: At the January 1971 ExCom meeting you addressed a variety of possible approaches to achieving an interim capability. We have developed cost/schedule information on a number of possible options which fall into the following categories:

- (1) Continuous on-orbit capability using existing systems through accelerated launch/procurement rates.
- (2) Modification of existing systems to permit more frequent film return (multiple SRVs).

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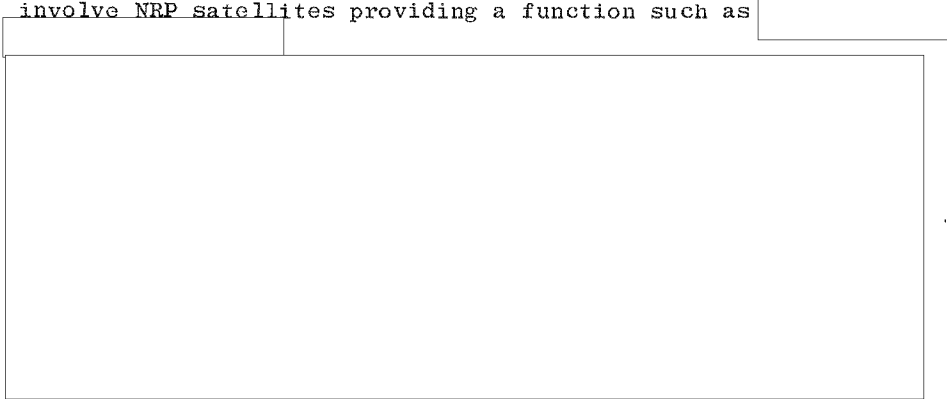
(3) Development of a special purpose system dedicated to the crisis response problem.

(4) Film readout version of the existing GAMBIT-3 system.

c. Ocean Surveillance

Issue: Should the NRO SIGINT Satellite Program be modified to deliver tactical data to the Navy (and the Army and Air Force)?

Background: The NRO and the Navy have been examining systems involving satellites to provide surface and undersea reconnaissance. Some of these systems involve only NRP satellites such as POPPY or STRAWMAN. Others involve NRP satellites providing a function such as



e. System Status Reports

(1) HEXAGON

At the January 1971 ExCom, first HEXAGON launch was projected for not earlier than April 9, and I estimated about May 10. Current status will be discussed.



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