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Dear Roland:

There is so much interest in the crisis reconnaissance capability, in the scenarios in which an NRT system might be used and in the effect that these scenarios have on system specifications, that I am relaying a suggestion which I believe might have a useful output if implemented. The practicality of doing so is a matter of judgment and I would leave that to you.

The suggestion is that over a suitably long period, under the aegis of COMIREX, hypothetically available NRT systems be tasked and a score kept of the results. Inherent in this, I think, is that NRO would "launch" the candidate systems and that SOC would need to command them, taking into consideration all the realities. I recognize that tasking depends upon previous results and weather, but perhaps these can be adequately accommodated to make the results credible. There are likely other problems of a non-technical nature; possibly means of moderating these can be found. In some sense I am suggesting doing in [redacted] what COMIREX and DIA have done in [redacted]

The output could be useful for its immediacy in illuminating requirements and thereby system specifications; might give us some insight to trades in system specifications we would be willing to make; and would begin to give us some experience [redacted] reaction.

Sincerely,

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