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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member United States Intelligence Board
THROUGH : Deputy Director for Intelligence *RYS*
SUBJECT : Study of Requirements for Image-Forming Satellite
Reconnaissance Responsive to Warning/Indications
Needs
REFERENCE : MEMO FOR HOLDERS OF USIB-D-46.4/3 (COMIREX-D-13.7/4)
dated 30 January 1968

1. This is a briefing note on the above subject which has been circulated to USIB members for concurrence or other views by cob Thursday, 8 February.

2. The draft memo from the DCI to D/NRO notes only the warning/indications aspects of the COMIREX study and does not ask the NRO to discuss or evaluate the implications of such a system on current intelligence, search and surveillance requirements. The latter uses, however, are noted in the COMIREX study and would be among the most important day-by-day products of a collection system which would be able to meet the warning/indications problem. Therefore, an important aspect of an evaluation of feasibility and cost of a warning/indications system should be the system's related utility in these other areas. At a later point in the USIB consideration of this overall problem, the NRO should be asked to consider and comment on the interrelationships between warning/indications collection and current intelligence, search, and surveillance requirements. Similarly, NPIC's on-going study of the impact of an electronic near-real-time system on exploitation should be considered by USIB.

3. In its consideration of this paper, COMIREX agreed that the study did not represent the formalization of a "requirement" to be levied against the NRO at this time. In this respect, I recommend certain changes, specified below, in paragraph 2. of the proposed letter to the Director, NRO.

4. Recommendation.

It is recommended that you concur in the draft memorandum to the D/NRO with changes to paragraph 2. of the memorandum as follows:

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"2. USIB has noted this study and has requested that NRO evaluate it and determine the feasibility and approximate cost of meeting the requirements and a collection system that would meet the objectives outlined therein."

5. The D/DCI/NIPE and DDS&T concur in the above recommendation.

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Acting CIA Member COMIREX

CONCUR:

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