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July 9, 1971

Honorable David Packard
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to our previous discussions of the necessity of proceeding with the development of two satellite readout systems as proposed in the classified budget for the National Reconnaissance Program.

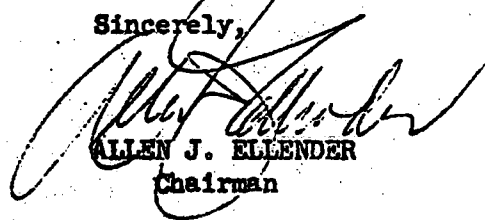
I want to express again my view that we should proceed with the development of only one of these systems. Judging from the information given me, it would be advisable to proceed with the Electro-Optical Imaging System.

It is my hope that the NRP Executive Committee will review this matter and advise me of the one system that should be developed and the adjustments that should be made in the pending budget requests.

I am addressing a similar letter to Honorable Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



ALLEN J. ELLENDER
Chairman

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