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MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: NRP Executive Committee Minutes

I have read the minutes of the NRP Executive Committee meeting of April 23 and have the following comments on the Crisis Photographic Reconnaissance and Electro/Optical Imaging System issues.

1. Mr. Schultz' letter to Mr. Packard expressed the view that a system with NRT/crisis capability should have appreciable utility during the President's administration, which is somewhat different from merely having a capability in the President's second term in office.

2. Dr. Foster commented on taking an imaginative view of what the EOI system might become in view of the additional year to IOC. I support this view and believe that consideration should be given to size and number of detectors; on-board recorder developments; tradeoffs among integration time, signal to noise ratio and bit error rates; [ ]  
[ ] in optimizing the system to the new IOC date.

3. Relative to the decision on EOI my understanding is that the system IOC was stretched out for one year as in Mix 4 and that the date of the first launch would be, therefore, 42 months after 1 December 1972, i.e., mid-CY 1976, not early 1976.

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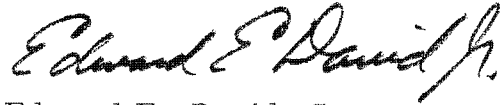
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4. Regarding the decision on the area coverage array, I believe it expresses a need for substantial area coverage capability and implies, I hope, a direction of effort and not necessarily a stopping place with present concepts.

I hope you will clarify the minutes in light of these comments.



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