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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
SPECIAL PROJECTS

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Dr. Naka

Draft of the Memo to NASA. Would appreciate your comments and suggestion as to whom it should be addressed.

Also per our discussion with you and Col. [redacted] yesterday, the 2nd part of the letter should be added by the staff.

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Letter to NASA

SUBJECT: U-2C/G Aircraft

The NRO has been maintaining a number of U-2C/G aircraft in flyable storage to replace U-2R attrition as it occurs. The attrition rate of the U-2Rs has been less than predicted. Therefore, there is a possibility that a limited number of the U-2C/G aircraft could be made available to another agency.

By virtue of the U-2's unique altitude, air speed and loiter capabilities (approximately 70,000 feet, mach .72, for 7 hrs), the aircraft might serve as a valuable collection platform for your earth resources program. If you have an interest in the U-2C/G's, I will be happy to arrange a meeting for further discussion.

Dr McLucas

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