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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to the Senate Appropriations Committee

On Friday April 26, Mr. Plummer briefed Senator McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee, on the NRP. The briefing was a part of the overall Defense Intelligence presentation led by Dr. Hall. Mr. Colby had briefed Senator McClellan and Senator Pastore the day before on the National Intelligence Program.

Dr. Hall provided an overview of Defense Intelligence and showed the value of satellites for the Mid East war. Senator McClellan asked several philosophical questions. He was particularly interested in the resource shifts of people and to where the people were transferred. He was informed that these were cuts and not transfers within DOD. Dr. Hall's two main points were that the personnel cuts are beginning to hurt and that the satellite programs are extremely useful for the tactical situation. Dr. Hall's presentation took one hour and five minutes of the allotted two hours.

Mr. Plummer was then introduced by Dr. Hall. Senator McClellan was unable to understand the format of the chart which signified NRP reductions in budget over the years. He asked that clarification be provided. Senator McClellan asked Dr. Hall how a two-man ExCom was able to resolve disputes. Dr. Hall said that they would be referred to the SecDef. Mr. Plummer was able to demonstrate satellite orbits using the model. Senator McClellan was praiseworthy of the satellite effort. Mr. Plummer was forced to cut short the NRP briefing in order to make time available to Mr. Buffum of NSA and General Potts of DIA.

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