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WASHINGTON, D.C

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THE NRO STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STAFF

SUBJECT: Declassification of "Fact Of" Photographic  
Satellite Reconnaissance

The Presidential decision to declassify "fact of" photo satellite reconnaissance and to mention it during a speech on 1 October 1978 as our national technical means of SALT verification will not alter any other currently existing security considerations.

The NRO is still not officially admissible, nor is SAFSS involvement with satellite reconnaissance. Messages are being sent through the SOCCOM net and to TCO's [REDACTED] of the community to allow them to brief cleared personnel in advance of the speech. Their guidance will be that the Presidential action does not absolve them of any security restrictions and does not permit discussion or admittance of, or participation in, satellite reconnaissance activities outside existing classified and compartmented channels.

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Director

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