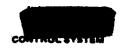
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

19 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SINGEL

SUBJECT: Review of Proposed Draft

The following comments are submitted and differences of opinion on the basic issues are reflected as footnotes as requested.

Major, USAF Dep Assistant for Security

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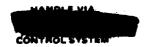
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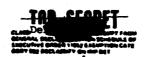
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## COMMENTS

- Page 3, Paragraph b, last sentance: Change to read ". . . can differentiate between the "official" and the "speculative" material."
- Page 4. Paragraph e, first sentance: Change to read
  ". . . may satisfy additional needs within their disciplines
  and interests beyond those already identified."
- Page 4, Paragraph f: Change second sentence to read:
  "The U.S. policy of not acknowledging the "fact of" satellite
  reconnaissance and security controls created by classification
  of the "fact of" do not allow such candor . . ."
- Page 5, first sentance: Change to read: "While many specific current problems were discussed, it was agreed that recent changes in the environment have not altered the need for tight security on the NRP and its activities; however, the recent publicity about the NRO and the official acknowledgement of its existence requires that a new public disclosure "cut-off point" be established. In this regard it was determined that four issues require resolution. Decisions on the issues which follow would dictate the current security posture for the NRO and NRP."
- Page 7, end of first paragraph: "Footnote 1. The NRO Security Staff representative believes it is inadvisable to authorize the disclosure of the DNRO and the NRO staff identity. While acknowledgement of the existence of the NRO provides a shoehorn into the organizational structure, it must be resisted if the identity and relationships of the program offices are to be protected. Program A (SAFSP) is particularly vulnerable due to its overt name and affiliation with launch facilities and military missile and space activities."
- Page 8, first line: Change to read ". . . (PFIAB) which were reaffirmed as recently as early 1974, and was developed to assure rapid response to the requirements of the intelligence community."





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Page 8, Tenth Line: Add "In summary, the committee believes that security should not be used as a basis for normalizing the NRO."

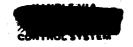
Page 8. Paragraph b: Change second sentence to read "First it was agreed that any declassification of the "fact of" must be . . . "

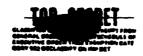
Page 9. Second Paragraph: Insert between first and second sentence "The most significant threat is the possibility for a U.N. treaty banning surveillance or reconnaissance from space without the concurrence of the country being surveilled or reconnoitered. Various non-aligned countries, particularly Brazil, have expressed significant sensitivities about space surveillance and intention to press for a treaty."

Page 9. Second Paragraph: Change third and fourth sentences to read "For these reasons, it appears that objections to the declassification of the "fact of" on security grounds be withheld but defer to Dr. Kissinger for the political decision. Since much can be gained by the method of exposing this decision, specific procedures for doing so should be established beforehand."

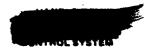
Page 10. At end of first paragraph: Add "Footnote 2. The NRO Security Staff representative believes other nations could distinguish between the existing "common knowledge" of satellite reconnaissance and an "official" acknowledgement by the government, even if that acknowledgement occurs only by confirmation of that fact by official records."

Page 12, Paragraph 7.a.: Add "Footnote 3. The NRO Security Staff representative does not recommend authorization to acknowledge DNRO or NRO Staff identity and recommends the declassification and disclosure "cut-off line" be made here. This recommendation is predicated upon a belief that additional authorized disclosures about the NRO and its activities within the government to an uncontrollable degree with a resultant intentional but unwitting disclosure of the "fact of." Additionally, identification of the DNRO and NRO Staff (SAFSS) will significantly increase the risk of identification of Program A (SAFSP) and Program Office relationships."





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Page 13, Paragraph d: Add at the end of sentence "... briefed on this policy and the continuing need for strict security be reaffirmed."





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