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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the 40 Committee, 18 August 1970

PRESENT: Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Packard, Mr. Johnson,  
Admiral Moorer, and Mr. Helms

Mr. Cord Meyer and Mr. Wymberley Coerr were present for  
the entire meeting.

Rear Admiral James C. Donaldson, Jr., Mr. Carl Duckett,  
and Mr. Robert Singel were present for Item 2.

1. Illumination of the Earth's Surface (924-70)

a. Mr. Packard stated that he wanted to establish if there were

b. Possible uses cited were for crises, for SALT verification,  
and for less sophisticated countries.

c. The Committee did not rule out continued development of the  
concept pending detailed review at a later pre-operational date.

2. IDEALIST Program (5-70)

a. There was a lively discussion of the budgetary merits of the  
various IDEALIST solutions outlined in the paper, i.e., who should run  
what and why and how could monies be saved.

b. The Committee agreed to continue on the present basis for one  
year adopting variation b. under Mode of Operation, i.e., continuing the  
split fleet and [redacted] buying 5 in CIA and 5 in SAC at a cost  
of [redacted] existing split fleet operation of 6 in  
each [redacted] cost of [redacted] savings of [redacted]  
were approved.

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