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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM

September 22, 1971

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COLONEL BRADBURN

As you know, I have been asked informally by Ambassador Johnson's assistant for the subject of Dr. McLucas' visit on the 30th. Since I have promised to call State back on the matter, a question arises as to whether or not Dr. McLucas desires to telegraph the topic ahead of time. Do you agree that my call should be very general in answering the State question? *"FACT OF" is main topic.*

Next, it might be profitable for Dr. McLucas to receive a short briefing on the 156 Committee activity since July, i.e., SKYLAB and the status of our letter on SALT ratification. Of interest to Dr. McLucas should be the way in which State is on the one hand attempting to protect the NRO via the 156 and on the other hand giving an impression of favoring relaxation of the "fact of." I would be pleased to provide this kind of rundown to Dr. McLucas. *Yes. Please do.*

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Major, USAF

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~~(S)~~ NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

September 20, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: NSAM 156 Committee Report, Use of Earth Terrain
Camera on SKYLAB

As you will recall, Dr. Naka and I attended the NSAM 156 working group meeting in July. Subsequent to that meeting we provided inputs for the final paper. The paper was acceptable to us and you provided concurrence. There was no need for a meeting of the principals.

To the right is a copy of Ambassador Johnson's letter which transmits the Report to Dr. Kissinger. The letter makes three points. First, the use of the earth terrain camera aboard SKYLAB is recommended for approval, as an exception to policy and not as a revision to the guidelines. Second, mention is made of the Soviet's questions at the UN relative to legal, political and economic aspects of earth resource survey satellites. Finally, Dr. Cline has been tasked to provide an initial review of China's attitudes towards satellite reconnaissance.

Recommendation: None, this memorandum is for your information.

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Major, USAF

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