

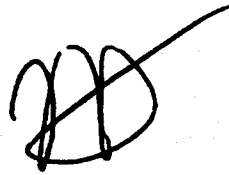
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MEMORANDUM

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This is the note I shared via Ins.
He in turn shared it to General
Allison. Allison requested that a
memo be created for his signature
to the Chairman reflecting Allison's
opposition to the release of "fact of".

Brad



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~~156~~ NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 12, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL VON INS (JCS ACSAN)

SUBJECT: 156 Committee Recommendations

Following is the set of recommendations proposed by the NSAM 156 Committee following its third Working Group meeting. The recommendations reflect the guidance which I received from Dr. McLucas and Mr. Packard.

1. Executive Congressional briefings should be conducted with coordination by the principal agencies including JCS. The briefings would cover our capability to verify Strategic Arms Limitation Agreements.

2. The "fact of" satellite reconnaissance should become declassified. In response to public and Congressional questioning, it should be explained that national technical means include information-gathering satellites. This will be the extent of the declassification of the satellite reconnaissance activity.

3. Administration spokesmen should state that national technical means are adequate to monitor agreements. Spokesmen should also state that no further details will be given in public about the characteristics of our national technical means.

4. It is essential to consider at an appropriate time, the desirability of conveying our intention to make these statements to the Soviet authorities and obtain Soviet

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acceptance. Third parties should also be consulted prior to the issuance of statements.

It is understood by the 156 Committee that the recommendations will require further study and planning by the Verification Panel and the USIB.

Since the 156 Committee still reports directly to the President, the NSC Staff representative does not associate himself with Recommendations 2 and 3. It remains to be seen what the disposition of these recommendations will be.



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