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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSSM on Tactical/Operational Support

In a discussion with Dr. Elliott following the Space Policy Working meeting, I was told that Dr. Kissinger will issue a National Security Study Memorandum. This memorandum will ask the question as to how much of the "Gordon Moe study findings" should be implemented by the Government. The study findings relate to the employment of NRO satellites in support of the tactical/operational area. I advised Dr. Elliott that two major impacts ought to be considered in reviewing the question. First, should NRO systems begin competing for conventional support dollars, the NRO mechanism might be altered to such an extent that the Government would find that the overall satellite reconnaissance program would significantly jump in cost because the NRO efficiency likely would be eroded. Second, should the Government attempt to employ reconnaissance satellites in the tactical/operational support area, it would have to be accomplished very carefully in order that the benign environment for traditional satellite reconnaissance is not degraded.


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