

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

November 21, 1973

FRITZ -

This is the one I mentioned to you in the hallway last night. Col Anderson is working the paper. I made some corrections and amendments. The return to NASA states substantially what Clements noted and there is also a memo to Kissinger which states the DOD position explicitly. The exercise is like kicking a dead horse but it is putting Clements on record.

In addition, I suggested to Col Anderson that XOX global plans should be brought in. Following Dr. McLucas' signature to SecDef the OSD(ISA), OSD(I) and DDR&E will bless the Air Force input.

*in - [redacted] Anderson*  
*I'd thought [redacted] DOD.*  
*[redacted]*

D [redacted] Anderson has 2 notes. He sets up [redacted] JESK [redacted]  
[redacted] also [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
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THE NRO STAFF

November 13, 1973

*Dr. McLucas has seen.*

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Dr. Fletcher's Reply to Mr. Clements on the  
Fletcher-Shultz Proposal

At the right (TAB B) is a copy of Mr. Clements' reply to a letter received from Dr. Fletcher on NASA's role in operational earth resource surveys. At TAB A is Dr. Fletcher's response to Secretary Clements' letter.

The present status of the Fletcher proposal is as follows:

- OMB is preparing to authorize NASA to move ERTS B up from 1976 to the Spring of 1975. ERTS B would be an R&D program as was ERTS A and will be essentially a carbon copy of the ERTS A satellite.

- In coordination with Dr. Shultz's Economic Policy Office and with the National Security Council Staff, OMB is preparing to advise NASA that if there is a national need for increased grain and foodstuff surveys no more than 12 percent of ERTS B capacity will be used for this purpose. There will not be an officially sanctioned "covert" operation by NASA. All Federal Agencies will be able to analyze openly available ERTS data for its own purposes. Appropriate levels of classification will be employed should these data be used for U.S. economic advantage purposes.

These determinations appear to indicate that the Government will not sanction NASA to conduct a dedicated grain and foodstuff survey program as was requested. On the other hand, these determinations will permit NASA to obtain ERTS data unilaterally, e.g., without bilateral arrangements, from "denied" areas.

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We recommend that you take no action on the November 6 Fletcher letter at this time.

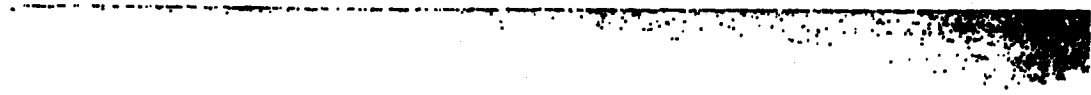
  
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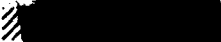
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SUBJECT: Earth Resources Technology Satellite

 alerted me to the attached correspondence and wanted to make sure that you were made aware of Secretary Clements' marginalia.

I'll have a copy of this item in the book which we are preparing for your session with Mr. Clements tomorrow morning.

*Dr. McLucas has seen.*

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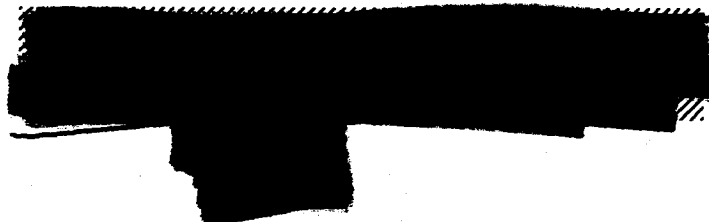
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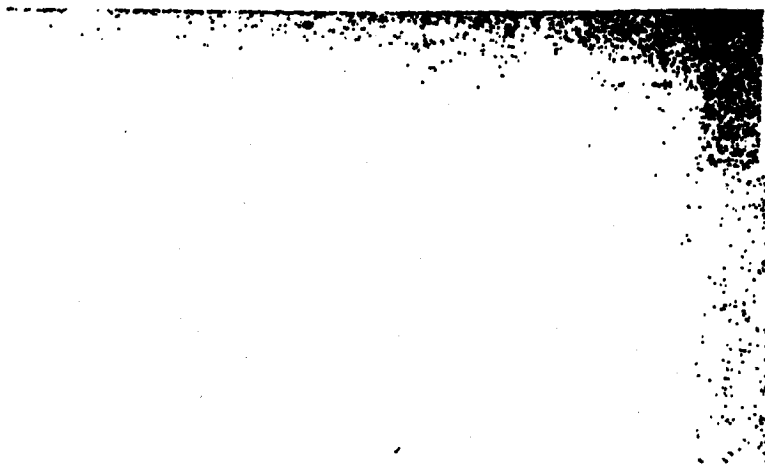
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