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THE NRO STAFF

September 20, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BRADBURN

SUBJECT: Instructions to SAFSP Concerning  
[REDACTED]

Background

In response to the DDR&E and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) memorandum, the NRO is examining [REDACTED] options for inclusion in the review [REDACTED] proceedings to be chaired by Herbert Benington, Deputy DDR&E. On September 15, 1972, SAFSP and Aerospace, at your request (Tab A), briefed the DIA, Air Force, and NRO principals on prior SP work in [REDACTED] well as specific satellite system options developed [REDACTED] the last several months. As an outgrowth of that meeting, Colonel [REDACTED] SAFSP, has provided a message outlining what he is to provide as input by October 16, 1972 (Tab B).

Discussion

The message (Tab B) outlines what SAFSP is to furnish:

1. Budgetary estimates, development schedules, and operational concepts for their presently defined [REDACTED]
2. A qualitative value assessment of the systems above for General Surveillance, SALT Monitoring, Crisis Management, Battlefield Surveillance, and Ocean Surveillance.

SAFSP also would like to comment on several of the related [REDACTED] which they have expertise.

The proposed answer on the right:

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1. Concur with their message (Tab B).

2. Requests that [REDACTED]

system and value assessments they will be undertaking. The purpose of this is to logically treat the available [REDACTED] system alternatives in one place so that relative feasibility, costs, and values can be compared.

3. Also requests copies of the September 15 briefing material for our reference and use.

Recommendation

Sign and release message on right.

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