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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION
CHAIRMAN, SIGINT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SALT Collection Requirements

REFERENCES:
a. USIB-D-46.4/48, 20 July 1971
b. USIB-D-46.4/38, 15 July 1970
c. USIB-D-46.5/6, 3 November 1970
d. Memo for Holders of USIB-D-46.4/38, 15 July 1970
e. COMIREX-D-14.12/23, 7 April 1972
f. USIB-SC-10.9/113, 12 July 1971

The Deputy Secretary of Defense has asked the NRO to review its operations for support of a possible SALT agreement. The extensive guidance furnished by USIB in the above references has given a clear statement of general need for SALT monitoring and detailed mission guidance has been provided for particular missions.

While these statements of standing and current requirements appear quite comprehensive, it would be most helpful if your committees could review their adequacy in identifying SALT baseline needs specifically directed to the period from the present through the completion of the President's Moscow talks in May. Our capabilities during this period have been previously furnished in status reports for on-orbit vehicles as well as the anticipated launch schedule for additional collection platforms.

A response by 19 April 1972 is desired.

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