MEMORANDUM

This is for Mr. Singer's signature. Following signature, I will staff it through OEO (ISA) as prearranged. ISA will support our paper. In addition, Col. [redacted], strongly supports the notion of media revelation. He will secure Gen. Singer's backing should it become necessary.
MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, COMIREX

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Skylab Photograph

You have requested comments on the draft decision paper which discusses the problems associated with the release or control of the [REDACTED] photograph. It is clear that both alternatives have inherent disadvantages. The question appears to be focused upon the relative merits of retaining [REDACTED] as a high-priority secret national security installation versus the merits of the NASA belief that there would be domestic and foreign problems created by withholding the photograph.

...doubts about whether or not the Soviets have [REDACTED] photo-

...uality Skylab photograph in the public domain would almost certainly provide strong stimulus for media questioning and the potential near-term revelation of the missions of the installation.
In view of NASA's concern with potential domestic and foreign problems, we would encourage a fuller treatment of this aspect in the decision paper, citing the specific potential for leaks, and the reasons for expectations that charges of withholding information are likely. These aspects should be weighed against the expected likelihood of the base mission revelation.

cc: DepSecDef
Chairman, JCS
Chief of Staff, AF
OSD(ISA)

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