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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, COMOR

SUBJECT: STOPPER Payload SIGINT Potential

For your information, the NRO has developed and test-flown as part of the [redacted] Program three devices known as STOPPER, which are substantially improved versions of SOC TOP. These devices are designed to detect skin-tracking and attempts at command probing and are a part of the NRO payload vulnerability effort.

As a by-product of this operation, it appears that STOPPER has potential as a SIGINT collector. A technical description of the payload has been given to NSA and arrangements are being made to forward copies of the data for processing.

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