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MEMORANDUM FOR :

Executive Committee, National Reconnaissance Program

As you know, the President has established a Space Task Group under my chairmanship to make recommendations about the objectives and character of the national space program of the next ten years.

Dr. DuBridge is the staff director of the Task Group; Dr. Paine and Dr. Seamans are the NASA and DOD members. Representatives from State, AEC and BOB attend meetings as observers.

Since the Task Group review will include the DOD space interests, I know that you are interested in how we plan to take into account the unique character of the National Reconnaissance Program.

First, let me say that the Task Group recognizes that the requirements and objectives of the National Reconnaissance Program are established by the United States Intelligence Board and that its executive management is the responsibility of the National Reconnaissance Office. With this in mind, the Task Group plans to include in its report a brief Top Secret - BYEMAN annex which would outline the prospective missions, payload weights, cost estimates and launch frequency of NRP satellites over the next decade. We would expect this annex to be prepared by

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the National Reconnaissance Office in accordance with requirements established or estimated by USIB, and to have the annex reviewed and approved by the NRP Executive Committee for inclusion in the Space Task Group report.

There will, of course, be information from the NRP which will impact on some of the DOD space plans and we assume that the NRO will provide the DOD staff with estimates of payload weights, orbital characteristics and frequencies of launch so that proper account can be taken in the provisions for launch vehicles and other general supporting activities.

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