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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting with Don Steininger, May 15, 1969 SUBJECT:

Purpose of the meeting was to review Land Panel report to the President.

Recommendations and conclusions as I remember them:

Α. reconnaissance.

- 1. We should get on with the development of a reconnaissance system which would be useful for both crisis and general surveillance.
- Allocate \$50M this year (1970) and enough next year 2. to keep program going at full speed.
- 3. This year initiate systems studies as well as push technological developments of critical components.

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- 1. Continue camera development.
- 2. Cut back overall program eliminating man.
- 3. Review other potential high resolution system, e.g. HEXADOR and upgraded GAMBIT.
- 4. Reallocate \$50M of savings to system.

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Steininger also said that he hoped we would come up with a management plan which was simple. He seemed to be saying that one agency should manage the whole thing. I suggested that I agreed in principle but felt that it would be a mistake for example to let the CIA build its own Vandenberg. He agreed.

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