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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

5 June 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Readout

The memorandum at the right is in response to Mr. Packard's 16 May 1969 memorandum (TAB A) on the same subject.

Please note Mr. Helms' statement that increased R&D is the ExCom issue. This view is substantially more conservative and constructive than Dr. Land's. Also, note that he says no real attempt to cost or trade systems can be done until more complete definition is available. These remarks are extremely reassuring to those of us who feared that the radical fringe had taken over. Mr. Inlow is working directly with now.

LEW ALLEN, JR.
Colonel, USAF

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HELMS
DR. DuBRIDGE
DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: [redacted] read-out

As a result of our recent conversations with Dr. Land, I believe we should consider what actions we should take now leading toward development of a [redacted] read-out system.

Accordingly, I propose that we prepare by July 15 a paper for EXCOM consideration that addresses:

1. the value of [redacted] or near real-time read-out for indications, warning, crises, and day-to-day intelligence production;
2. the relative contribution to these intelligence needs of alternative performance in terms of area coverage, target frequency and resolution;
3. the status of technology and the effect of potential developments on our ability to provide alternative systems with near real-time read-out; and,
4. the value and cost of alternative [redacted] read-out systems and their effect on the total mix of satellite photography.

I have asked [redacted] of my staff to take the lead in preparation of such a paper working with the NRO, CIA and DoD staffs.

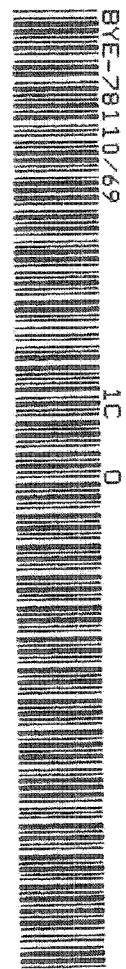
In the meantime, we have added \$1.95M in FY 69 funds to the CIA technology program.

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