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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Civil Earth Observation Satellite Programs

This is in regard to the discussion you had with Dr. Currie and myself on the NASA Earth Observation Satellite Programs at the IR&D Council Meeting on 7 January 1975.

We have been concerned for some time about the broad military implications these civil space research programs have. It is a growing problem, and I know that the intelligence implications have been of special interest to you. Attached for your information is a draft paper prepared by my staff and based on the recent DDR&E studies I mentioned at the meeting.

This draft is being reviewed by the study steering group composed of Mike Yarymovich, Bud Coyle, Dick Haley, and Bob Gaiger, but I would appreciate your thoughts on it.

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Attachment

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