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Honorable Frederick B. Dent  
Secretary of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Dent:

(P) The National Policy on the Security of Meteorological Satellite Information (NSCIR 3-12, 15 April 1970) prescribes communication security measures for meteorological satellites and makes the Department of Defense (DOD) responsible for selecting the security means to be used for operational meteorological satellites.

(P) The Policy provides two options for civil operational meteorological satellites. Considering the availability of meteorological satellite information from DOD systems equipped for secure operations, DOD recommends that all civil operational meteorological satellites be equipped so that useful data transmission from the satellites can be selectively silenced by secure means over designated geographic areas or at specific times.

(P) The methods by which the security of the satellite command links is to be achieved should be determined in consultation with the National Security Agency (NSA).

(P) This course will provide for an effective and practical utilization of the basic meteorological satellite capabilities of the DOD in national security planning.

(U) The point of contact on my staff for further consultations in this area is Col J. Anderson, Chairman, Joint Environmental Satellite Coordination Group.

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Sincerely,

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