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FROM

NSC Coordinator

SUBJECT

Space PRC Meeting of 20 September 1978

The attached Memorandum for the Record, written by 25	X1
is provided for your information. As you are aware, subsequent	
actions relating to the "fact of" photoreconnaissance satellites	
have been undertaken during the past week.	
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•	1. "Fact Of" (0930 to 1000 with participants limited to State, ACDA, Defense, JCS, DCI, NASA, OMB, and NSC).
•	Each participant expressed his views as follows:
	 State - Urgent need to declassify now (not later than just after election) to support SALT ratification. No declassification of product.
	ACDA - Similar to State's view but not quite so strong.
<u>}</u>	<u>Defense</u> - Declassification can be accomplished but there must be adequate preparation prior to an announcement.
-	JCS - The issue should be reviewed thoroughly prior to a Presidential decision. There may be serious risks that have been overlooked.
	DCI - No objection in principle to declassification after

be revealed at that time.

NASA - Felt that the benefits for SALT were minimal. Supported declassification, after adequate preparation, but felt major benefits would accrue from potential release of imagery.

adequate preparation. Limited gains and risks with declassification alone. DCI concerned with what will come out at Kampiles trial. We should defer action until the end of the first trial since "fact of" will probably

OMB - Supported declassification but felt that benefits for SALT were overstated unless imagery was released.

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NSC - Supported declassification. Agreed that imagery would also have to be released (and commented that release of imagery was a desirable outcome).

Consensus appeared to be:

- (1) In support of declassification.
- (2) Benefits for SALT were minimal.
- (3) In favor of adequate preparation but no agreement on how long that was. (Several days to several months).

There was also some discussion opposing the idea of letting the "fact of" be revealed in the course of the Kampiles trial. Argument against was the loss of the positive value of having the President reveal it. (This later became clarified when we were told that they would like this announcement to be made in the President's planned 1 October speech at Kennedy Space Center).

Action: A memo for the President on this issue would be prepared in two weeks. DCI would have action on preparation of implementation plan, State would have action on a consultation plan, and ACDA would prepare D&A's. ______asked that Justice also be involved because of the Kampiles trial.

- 2. Other issues (1000 to 1130. Full participation by the SPRC agencies).
 - a. Key Elements of Civil Space Policy: General consensus on these elements. General view that they should be "jazzed" up to be more positive and less bureaucratic.
 - b. Operational LANDSAT System: Most preferred Option 2. State, NASA, and a few others preferred Option 3 (or at least 2+). JCS and OMB preferred Option 1. The DCI expressed a slight preference for Option 2 because of his need for LANDSAT data for foreign crop forecasting.
 - c. Federal Role in Civil COMSAT R&D: Consensus for Option 2. Will not go to President as an issue but as a recommended action. DCI took no position.
 - d. <u>Public Service Communications Satellite</u>: No consensus with advocates primarily for Options 1 and 2. DCI took no position.

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e. <u>Recommended Actions</u>: There was no time for a discussion. Dr. Press asked for written comments, if any. He also said that he would accept factual corrections to the report.

Action: Memo to the President would be prepared and coordinated. Would like Presidential decision prior to the 1 October speech at Kennedy Space Center.

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