

24 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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said there was not enough money to take care of both of these approaches in the FY '65, although there might be some reapportionment activities within the FY '65 NRO tentative program if we really dug into it. He said, therefore, that USIB should express itself as to the input that was required for the intelligence inventory. Where should the major effort be placed? Should we keep CORONA as a search program and develop [redacted] or should we go all out on [redacted] for getting the swath width? He said we must answer all the imponderables of both systems just as quickly as we can through research and the proving of those still doubtful components, and then decide on one or the other, or on both.

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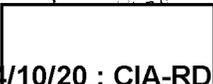


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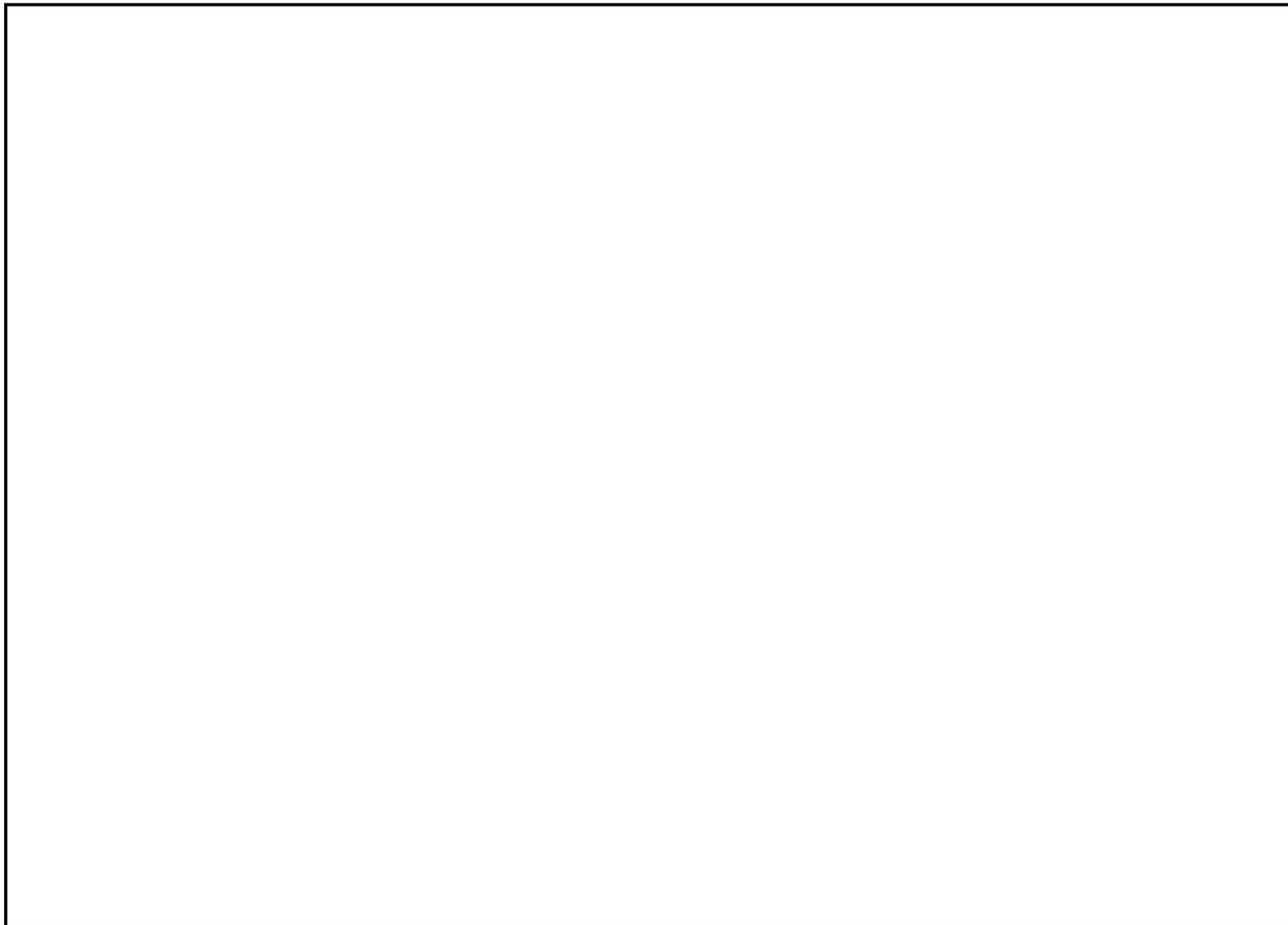
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wardroom area, and they sat down in plush chairs, and the Filipino boys came in and served them this and that and everything else, and then they were taken into this lovely dining room, with the sterling silver and the beautiful pictures and the lovely view out on the harbor, and were served this beautiful lunch, and everything was delightful, and they were escorted back down past the, and down the gangplank, and they got into this beat-up old Ford, and one little boy turned to his mother and said:

Mommie, why is it daddy's so rich and we're so poor? (Laughing) So that's about the meeting. That's the end of the Memorandum for the Record.

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Dr MC mbr bld for NRO

Tubini to repr SecDef as joint resp. of DCE/SecDef for NRO.

Q: Establisg req. for Recon -

June 60 USIB to SecDef

"Intell Req for Sat. Recon."

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"photo syst. capable of objct res. [redacted] 25X

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utilized more extnd pmtls" -

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Apr 63 - USIB emident update - asked COMOR to review req, extd. new sub- guidance to DCE/SecDef for NRO - paper should be reviewed with NRO -

Sept 63 - NRO expr. remittions a paper - Kufner & Comor met ^{comptooking} ~~personally~~ to get paper - appears DIA was advised by Gelpatni that DIA should advise LR Req. Sat Req. to him -

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No progress -

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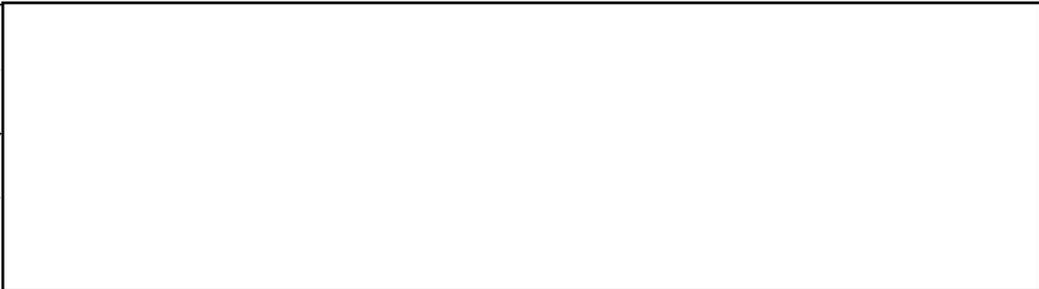
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McCore says USIB experts since have not established req. -
Reason must be -

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mentioned studies to - more 25X
sophisticated + costly -



CIA give independently has details for design 25X
which if successful will give with 25X1
Corona coverage - intriguing for quantum
jump -



3 things that might be done -

All systems have serious tech. prob. with many
frictions -

Speed of film

Stabilizer

weight

size of mirrors

All must be explored before can be
accepted as system for heavy money -

Not enough money to take both
in FY '65 - or a respiration

USIB should express best as to input
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DCI in debate - thinks we negligent in not
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Can carry on both simult - if
case be made with SecDef or DCI -

What does USIB need - how well
can you make the case -

McMiller -
Bloody from MCR beating on money -

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[redacted] papers from DIA, MRO, etc. does
have body of info for USIB help -

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2 1/2 yrs ago. Chayk asked bids to
payload ^{low order} _{20,000} ¹ ₁ ³ ₃ payload -
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But what areas are of imp. priority interest -
establish need for both ??

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Blake:

Improved by weather limitations.
Present search not enough resolution -
Reduced coverage increases weather problem -
Must continue to broaden coverage - we do our seg. work in vacuum -

NCM - some analysis of one factor - swaths -
Search - need continue terr. with res. no. vision - cost -
What is size of area that must be exam.
in 1 picture - dimension of targets - had
been some analysis - 600 ft. only
- larger than 50 miles - minute compliance -
all rear, 95%, less than 3 mi. in diameter -
Swath width vs. economy - in order to pick
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of some breadth - search in a limited area -
say 50 miles as against 5 or 10 -

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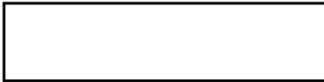
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From USIB view. IRBMs etc. There
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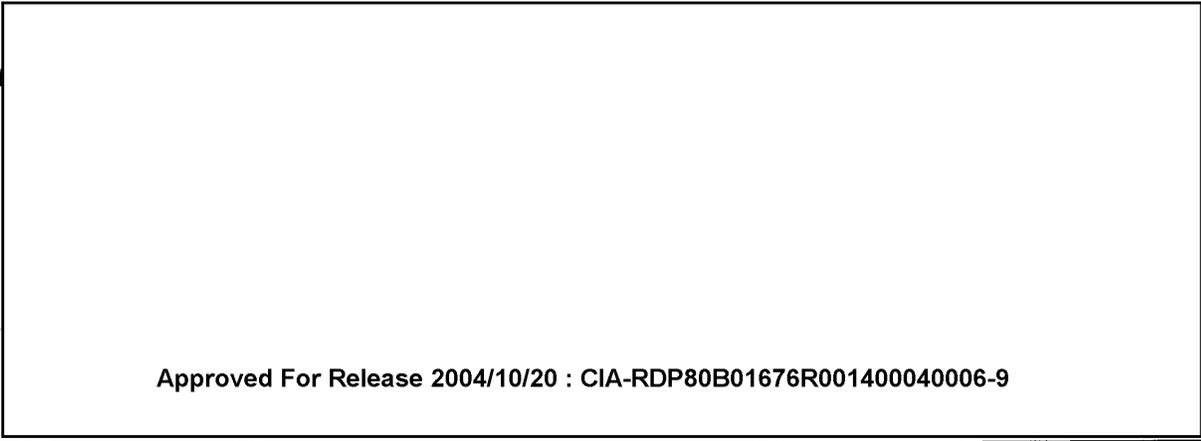
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Fibeh supports high resolution for tech. intell -
analysis of tactical forces - ground force tactical
estimate plus tech intell. of armants -

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relatively high res. send system and

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Wants COMOR to ~~be~~ work on
this at once - NRO to help -

hope DIA can reflect without DAD
influence & delay

Taylor - need it now -

Fub - Arrivals 6 - 8 yrs.

Sat. 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 yrs.

Nothing in inventory early end of 1966 -

Interim capability - more timely -

MCC - ^{agrees} NRO programming this way - need China
in fall -

MCM - Use of lanyard ?? Targeting of China -

- Ribaldry about budgets -