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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Panel on High Altitude Detection

1. This memorandum is for your information and transmits a suggested reply to Dr. Killian's memorandum of 3 February relative to the establishment of the Panel on High Altitude Detection.

2. The panel had its first sessions on 6 and 7 February. It is our understanding that some of the ideas developed were fantastic, but nevertheless lead to the general conclusion that it would be possible to conduct tests in far outer space which would be almost immune from detection. The cost of such tests would be extremely high, however. A second series of meetings is planned for the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth of February in order to bring some of the conclusions back from outer space and down to earth.

  
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Enclosure:  
Suggested Reply to Killian Memo

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