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Dear [Redacted]:

Thank you for your kindness in arranging a consultation with some of our people on a matter of interest to the Government.

It was particularly helpful to receive the advice and assistance of [Redacted] and yourself, as well as the valuable counsel of Professors [Redacted]. The privilege of coming to you on matters of this sort is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith  
Director

OPC/[Redacted] - 7/22/52  
rewritten O/DCI - [Redacted] - 7/28/52  
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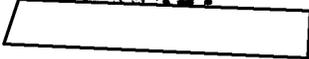
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

1. At the request of the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB— Palmer Putnam) and also at the request of [redacted] (CIA/OTS), [redacted] (Ops/SAR) called [redacted] on 10 June 1952 and asked [redacted] whether it would be possible to convene a meeting to include himself, [redacted], Professors [redacted] etc. for the purpose of advising and assisting the undersigned, [redacted] (CIA/OTS) and Palmer Putnam (PSB) to arrive at some judgement and recommendations regarding the feasibility and desirability of the government's fostering research and development looking toward the launching of a satellite vehicle for reconnaissance purposes. [redacted] agreed to arrange the meeting on Thursday, July 17, 1952. [redacted] Putnam and [redacted] met with Messrs. [redacted] and discussed the matter at some length.

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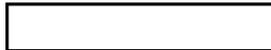
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2. The staff of [redacted] were extremely helpful and cooperative in their discussion of technical feasibility and scientific issues associated with the development of such a vehicle. They gave generously of their time and their judgements were exceedingly helpful. The purpose of this letter is to express the appreciation of DCI for their assistance and cooperation. The report of the investigation will be made by OTS/CIA to DCI.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Smith

The attached note expresses appreciation for a very profitable consultation with  physicists on a satellite vehicle suitable for reconnaissance. The report on this consultation will be forwarded upon completion.

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