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MEMORANDUM FOR: Stephen Roberts
Chairman, Senior Steering Committee
Historical Imagery Declassification Review

SUBJECT: [] CIA Response on KH-7 Historical Imagery
Declassification

Steve

1. [] At the 9 July 1998 Historical Imagery
Declassification Review (HIDR) Senior Steering Committee meeting,
you asked CIA to come up with a final position on the issue of
blanket declassification of KH-7 historical imagery as part of the
broader KH-7 and KH-9 Historical Imagery Declassification Review
process. CIA concurs with Intelligence Community (IC) proposal to
recommend to the DCI that he approve blanket declassification of
KH-7 historical imagery. We note the following for the record.

- Two area divisions of the CIA Directorate of Operations maintain their objections to the proposed blanket declassification of either KH-7 or KH-9 historical imagery.
- In concurring with the Community's recommendation to declassify all of KH-7 imagery, we emphasize that such case-specific acquiescence in no way suggests future CIA concurrence, or intent to concur, with blanket declassification proposals for any other historical satellite collection system.

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Member, Senior Steering Committee
Historical Imagery Declassification Review

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