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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Chapin

1. The Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences includes leaders of Government, industry, and universities. Littlewood, its President, is Vice President of the American Airlines. Clifford C. Furness, Chancellor at the University of Buffalo, is a former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development. William B. Barger is the Vice President of Glenn L. Martin Co. Admiral C. W. Bolster is former chief of Naval Research. Milton U. Clauser is the head of Purdue School of Aeronautics and a member of USAF Scientific Advisory Board. Luis De Flores is known to the Director. Jack Parker is the Vice President of General Electric. Eugene Root, formerly with Rand and with the USAF, is now a Vice President at Lockheed. Stever is on the MIT faculty, was with Vannevar Bush during World War Two, and is Vice Chairman of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board.

2. The Institute describes itself as a "professional society of engineers, designers, and technical specialists in the sciences related to the design and development of aircraft." It has 18,000 members. Its main office is in Rockefeller Center, New York City. It publishes two monthly journals. It has 23 chapters or groups and 75 groups in colleges throughout the country. It is not a headline-seeking outfit and has avoided taking sides on controversial public issues. It has had very little publicity.

3. Coming late in January 1960 a speech by the Director on "Honors Night" would be two weeks or so after the President's annual State of the Union message and his annual "Budget message." This would give the Director the possibility of a good press and he could stress Soviet capabilities and missiles, aviation, science, engineering, and education. This would be a good platform with a very distinguished audience.

4. RECOMMENDATION: That the DCI accept.

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