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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: Defense Reconnaissance Support Program (DRSP)

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[] In accordance with PD/NSC-37 which authorized the establishment of a Military Space Program, I have directed the ASD(C³I) and DUSD(PR) to provide me, by August of this year, with a plan to institute a Defense Reconnaissance Support Program (DRSP). I have also proposed that you manage the DRSP. In that role, your responsibilities and authorities will be separate from, but consistent with your NFIP responsibilities. The DRSP will be responsive to DoD requirements and the DRSP budget will be subject to the normal DoD PPBS/ZBB process.

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[] The DRSP will include all intelligence satellite activities whose primary, or in some cases exclusive, purpose is to support military operational com-
manders. These activities include those that augment NFIP programs or Defense
initiatives whose purpose is military support during crisis or war.

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[] I request that you provide the ASD(C³I) and DUSD(PR) with any support they require during the process. The final plan will be coordinated with the DCI, and will be consistent with PD/NSC-37. The plan will specify that the DCI will be furnished with the information necessary to ensure that full use is made of the facilities and results available from the NRP and that there is no unnecessary overlap between NFIP and DoD activities.

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cc: Secretaries of the Military Departments
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director, Central Intelligence

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