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National Security Study  
Directive Number 13-82

NATIONAL SPACE STRATEGY (U)

Introduction

A study will be conducted to develop a broad strategy for implementing the National Space Policy contained in National Security Decision Directive 42, dated July 4, 1982. This National Security Study Directive establishes the Terms of Reference for the study. (C)

Objectives of the Study

The results of the study will be reflected in a National Security Decision Directive on National Space Strategy. The strategy will outline a broad action-oriented plan for a more vigorous and focused U.S. Space Program in furtherance of the National Space Policy contained in NSDD 42. The study will proceed on the premise that:

- The Soviet Union has initiated a major campaign to capture the "high ground" of space, and
- Regardless of Soviet activities, the space medium offers significant potential for the enhancement of civil, commercial and national security capabilities. (S)

Scope of the Study

The study will review the total U.S. Space Program (civil, commercial, defense, and intelligence) and formulate a plan of action that, at a minimum, addresses the following areas:

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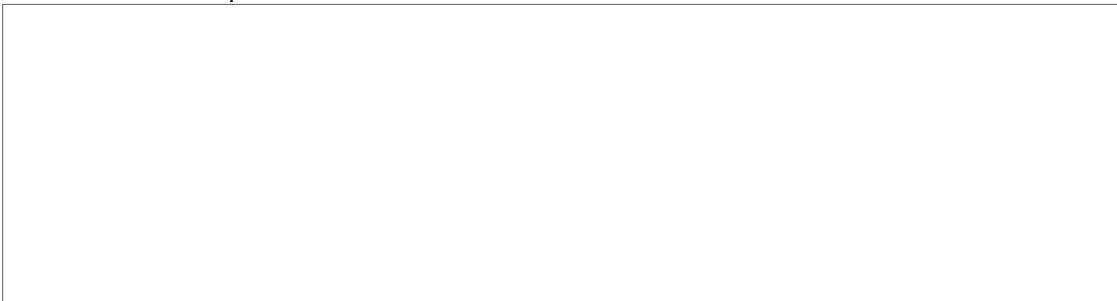
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- Organization, Roles and Responsibilities of:

- NASA, especially regarding Space Shuttle operations and marketing. (U)
- DOD, especially concerning the need for:
  - A separate military department for space or the designation of an existing military department as executive agent for space. (S)
  - A unified Space Command. (S)
- DOD/DCI, with emphasis on the need for:
  - Realignment of space reconnaissance organizations. (S)
- DOC, especially regarding NOAA's responsibilities for LANDSAT and METSAT if these systems are transferred to the private sector. (U)
- The Private Sector, especially concerning its relationship with the U.S. Government and the need for regulation, oversight and incentives to stimulate investment. (U)

- Funding

- The adequacy of current and projected funding for the overall U.S. Space Program. (U)
- The adequacy of the current funding mix and priorities among the civil, defense and intelligence sectors of the U.S. Space Program. (S)
- From the above, the study will present three alternative space programs: current, enhanced and significantly enhanced. (S)



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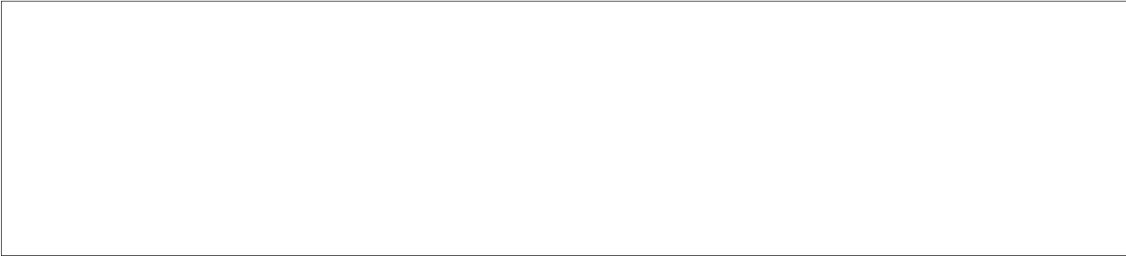
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- Survivability and Endurance



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- Commercialization

-- New areas of private sector investment in space which the Administration should stimulate. (U)

- Planetary Exploration and Scientific Experimentation

-- The need for revitalizing our efforts to explore the planets and perform scientific experiments useful to mankind. (U)

- Basic Technology

-- The need for significant increases in basic technology related to space (civil and national security). (U)

- Manned Space Flight

-- The need for a more vigorous manned space program. (U)

Efforts related to outer space arms control will be conducted by existing interagency mechanisms. (U)

The National Space Strategy developed by this study will also include applicable results from the other SIG(Space) working groups currently in being. (U)

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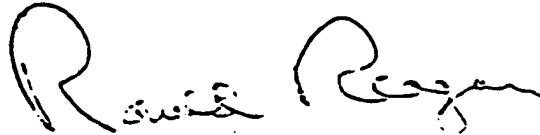
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Administration

The study will be conducted under the sponsorship of the SIG(Space) established by NSDD 42. Working Groups chaired by individuals appointed by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will be formed under the overall direction of the Interagency Group for Space. All agencies will provide the highest priority to support of this study. Administrative and other support will be provided by the NSC as augmented by the agencies. An NSDD will be completed for consideration by the SIG(Space) and National Security Council as soon as possible, but not later than May 31, 1983. (U)

Dissemination of this NSDD, subsequent material, and the resulting NSDD should be strictly controlled and handled on a need-to-know basis. (U)

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