MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
THE WHITE HOUSE  

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Subject: Treatment of the "Fact of" U.S. Photoreconnaissance Activities at the UNGA  

Each year, when the General Assembly considers developments in the peaceful uses of outer space, the U.S. gives a comprehensive review of pertinent developments in outer space. The U.S. is inscribed to speak on Monday, October 16. In order to maintain our record of candor on outer space questions, and to avoid charges that we are avoiding the issue, we propose that the U.S. statement contain the following sentence: "The use of photoreconnaissance satellites in monitoring arms control agreements has made it possible to take major steps in efforts to halt the arms race."  

In accordance with the NSC instructions of September 29, we shall instruct the U.S. delegate to the Special Political Committee to limit his response to any questions on this subject to noting either that the reference to photo reconnaissance satellites speaks for itself or that he will advise his capital of the point that was raised.

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Executive Secretary