MEMORANDUM FOR: CHRISTINE DODSON

FROM: ROBERT ROSENBERG

SUBJECT: NSC Concurrence on Proposed UNGA Message

John Ward sent the attached message over for concurrence (TAB A). We gave him the revision by telecon this morning but at his request are also putting it in writing.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at TAB B to Peter Tarnoff.
SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF THE "FACT OF" US PHOTORECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES DURING THE UNGA

1. AS MISSION AWARE, THE "FACT OF" THE US USE OF PHOTORECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES IN MONITORING ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS HAS BEEN DECLASSIFIED. THE PRESIDENT MADE THE FIRST OFFICIAL USG ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THIS ROLE OF PHOTORECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES IN HIS SPEECH AT CAPE CANAVERAL OCTOBER 1, IN WHICH HE STATED: BEGIN QUOTE: PHOTORECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES HAVE BECOME AN IMPORTANT STABILIZING FACTOR IN WORLD AFFAIRS IN THE MONITORING OF ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. THEY MAKE AN IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECURITY OF ALL NATIONS. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEM. END QUOTE.

2. US REP AT SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON OUTER SPACE ITEM IS AUTHORIZED TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. AT THE END OF FIRST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE TWO OF ADDRESS TO COMMITTEE: QUOTE: 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. END QUOTE.
3. If, during the course of discussion of the outer space resolution in the Special Political Committee (or in any other UN forum) other delegates make reference to the President's statement or similar reference in US delegates' approved remarks at Special Political Committee and raise any questions on these or other uses of such satellites, US representatives are instructed to limit their response to noting that the President's statement speaks for itself, or that they will advise Washington of the point that was raised.

4. FYI: In accordance with an NSC directive on this subject, DOD is the only USG agency authorized to respond to inquiries, except as provided for in Para 2 above.