

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 19, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHRISTINE DODSON  
FROM: ROBERT ROSENBERG *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.

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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF THE "FACT OF" US PHOTORECONNAIS-  
SANCE ACTIVITIES DURING THE UNGA *INCLUDING THE*

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 CONTRI-  
BUTION 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 SEN-  
TENCE . AT THE END OF FIRST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE TWO OF  
ADDRESS TO COMMITTEE: QUOTE: THE USE OF PHOTORECONNAIS-  
SANCE SATELLITES IN MONITORING ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS HAS  
MADE IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE MAJOR STEPS IN EFFORTS TO HALT  
THE ARMS RACE. END QUOTE.

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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.

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