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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Declassification of KH-7/9 Imagery

In March, you asked NIMA to proceed with the declassification review of KH-7 and KH-9 mapping camera imagery, and, in their final package through SecState and SecDef, to clearly identify the potential risks with declassification and provide a plan for allocating funds to implement it. NIMA cited the risks and provided an implementation plan in the enclosed recommendation memo.

E.O. 12951, issued in 1995, delegated authority to declassify satellite imagery to the DCI, in consultation with SecState and SecDef. The declassification effort on KH-7 and -9 has been extensively coordinated over the last several years within the IC and DoD, and in May and June of this year with Secretaries Albright and Cohen.

I recommend that you approve this declassification by signing the blocks on pages 8 and 9 of the 17 April D/NIMA memo.

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Attachment

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