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Director, NRO Staff
National Reconnaissance Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Russ:

1. Your request for an updated assessment of Soviet anti-satellite capabilities has been reviewed in light of our current evidence. We concur that it would now be appropriate to revise in part the general study provided you last year. The areas requiring revision at this time relate to [Redacted]

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[Redacted] We would propose to provide these revisions by about early June.

2. The NIE 11-3-69 is now scheduled for USIB approval in October. It will contain an assessment of Soviet capabilities and intentions in the anti-satellite area. We would propose to await the NIE's assessment on intentions and will limit our June revision to consideration of capabilities.

3. For the longer term, we would propose the following approach to keeping the NRO advised of Soviet capabilities in the anti-satellite area. First, we would provide a complete study every other year. This study would be made available between January and March of alternate years beginning in 1970. Second, we would provide a revision of appropriate parts of the basic study between January and March in the years when the basic study was not being redone. Third, we would advise the NRO of any significant changes in Soviet capabilities as they are determined. Finally, with regard to Soviet intentions to interdict

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NRO review(s) completed.

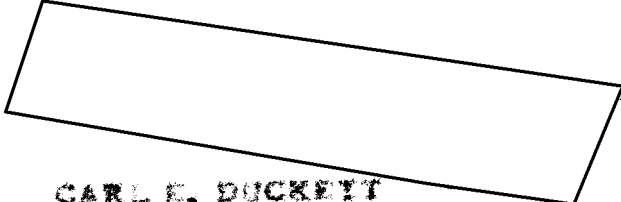
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SUBJECT: Special Report on Current Soviet Anti-Earth Satellite Capabilities

United States reconnaissance satellites, this would continue to be treated on an annual basis in the MK (1-3) series.

4. If the above approach is acceptable to you, we will proceed on that basis.



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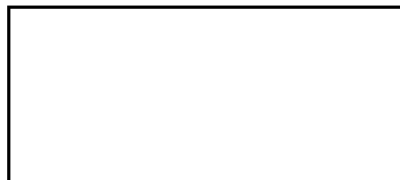
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